TOHYO GAME

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One black ballot to you

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SHUUSUKE TAKAYAMA... IS THE VOTE-KEEPER ...?
YES. IT'S RELIABLE INFORMA-TION.
IN THIS PICTURE ...
...SHE'S LOOKING AT THE CAMERA
IT'S FROM WHEN SHE WAS CHANG-ING FOR GYM CLASS.
SO THAT MEANS IT WAS ONE OF THE GIRLS IN CLASS B WITH KANAI-SAN LAST YEAR ...
GA (GRAB)

NOW WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHO WAS HELPING KAZUTO! WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND A WAY TO END THE VOTING GAME TOO.
Y-YEAH ...
WAY TO GO, WAKABA! GOOD CATCH!
THERE WERE FOUR GIRLS IN CLASS B LAST YEAR...
STUDENT NUMBER 36, ASAHI MIYAMOTO.
STUDENT NUMBER 35, HARUKA MIURA.
STUDENT NUMBER 29, HAZUKI NEGISHI.
STUDENT NUMBER 17, CHIHARU SUZUKI.

ONLY TWO OF THEM ARE STILL ALIVE RIGHT NOW...
...HARUKA MIURA AND ASAHI MIYAMOTO.
I HAVE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS. AT THIS RATE...
HIS HELPER COULD BE DANGER-OUS.
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE INVOLVED ANYMORE.
...
I'LL DO THIS... ALONE.

#13

Popularity Vote Round 7

Voting method: Hand a million yen to the girl you want to vote for.

STUDENT NUMBER 7 RYOUTA OKAZAKI
...YEAH, SOME-HOW.
Y-YEAH ...
STUDENT NUMBER 38 ATSUSHI MORIMOTO
IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO THE VALUE OF LIFE.
STUDENT NUMBER 10 JUNICHI KUNIYASU
STUDENT NUMBER 27 SHOUGO MURASAME
IT WOULD BE SO MUCH EASIER IF SOMEONE GAVE UP.
HEH!
DID EVERYONE GET THE MONEY?
STUDENT NUMBER 21 YAMATO TOUJOU

IF I DON'T FIND THAT HELPER SOON...
...I DON'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF TIME LEFT.
GOOD MORNING, SHUU-SUKE-KUN!
ENTRY #1
RUMIKO DATE

OH...
YOU'RE DRENCHED IN SWEAT! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OH, YEAH. THIS IS...
IT'S JUST KIND OF HOT TODAY...
COME ON, TAKE OFF YOUR JACKET. GIVE ME YOUR BAG TOO.
A-AND...
...ABOUT TODAY'S VOTE...
WHO ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE FOR?
OH, YOU FINALLY MADE IT, TAKAYAMA.
GET OVER HERE.

J-JUST STOP IT WITH ALL THAT SACRIFICE STUFF ALREADY...!
WE'RE JUST ABOUT TO DECIDE WHICH OF THE GIRLS IS GONNA BE THE SACRIFICE
IF WE DON'T PICK, WE WON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF US WILL DIE!
HUH? HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA BE SUCH A DUMBASS?
WHAT!?
ARE YOU SAYING ONE OF US SHOULD DIE!?
BOSO (WHISPER)
WE'D ALL BE FINE IF ONE OF THE BOYS JUST DIDN'T VOTE!

UM...
MORI-
MOTO-
KUN...
HUH?
PA
(TAKE)
!?
BO
(WOOSH)
...

NOW WE CAN ALL RELAX A LITTLE.
I REALLY DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET ANOTHER MILLION YEN RIGHT AWAY.
ENTRY #2
YUUKA MAKIMOTO
MAKI-MOTO! YOU BITCH ...!
...IT'S ALL RIGHT, MURA-SAME-KUN.
MAKIMOTO-SAN DIDN'T TAKE THE MONEY FROM ME.
I JUST HANDED HER ONE MILLION YEN.
HUH ...?

I VOTED FOR MAKIMOTO-SAN.
I HANDED OVER THE MONEY, JUST AS THE MESSAGE SAID. IT'S A VALID VOTE.
HMPH!
THEN ...
...I'M VOTING FOR YUUKA MAKIMOTO TOO.
THERE ARE SIX GUYS LEFT... THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL BE IN THE BOTTOM WITH TWO VOTES.
SINCE I VOTED FOR YOU, THAT MEANS I'M SAFE.
...BUT...

I'M VOTING FOR MAKI-MOTO-SAN ...
M-ME TOO ...!
WAIT A MINUTE! WE ALL NEED TO CALM DOWN...
I CAN'T LET ALL THE VOTES GO TO MAKIMOTO-SAN JUST YET...!
GARA (RATTLE)
...I'M DEFI-NITELY GONNA FUCK YOU ONE OF THESE DAYS, YOU SHADY BITCH!

ENTRY #3
IKUMI NAGASE
TAKAYAMA
...
...WE NEED TO TALK.

DAMN! WHY IS SHE DOING THIS AT SUCH AN IMPORT-ANT TIME...?
I HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHO WAS HELPING KAZUTO BEFORE VOTING ENDS!
HEY, TAKAYAMA ...
...JUST WHO ARE YOU ANY-WAY?
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT ?
YOU CAN'T FOOL ME.
THAT DETECTIVE YES-TERDAY, YORIKO TONE-GAWA, TOLD ME EVERY-THING.

THIS ISN'T THE FIRST VOTING GAME.
AND THE NAME OF THE LAST VOTE-KEEPER WAS...
... SHUUSUKE TAKAYAMA.
N-NO WAY! I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ...
YOU TRANS-FERRED HERE, DIDN'T YOU?
WHERE DID YOU GO TO SCHOOL BEFORE?

I'M OUT OF TIME...!
KAZUTO HAD A HELPER... SOMEONE WHO WORKED WITH HIM TO SET UP THE POPULARITY CONTEST.
NAGASE-SAN... PLEASE, JUST LISTEN TO ME.
LESS THAN TEN MINUTES UNTIL THE DEADLINE ...
...A HELPER?
I SEE. YOU'RE SCARED THAT THIS HELPER IS GOING TO LEAK INFORMATION ABOUT YOU.
SO YOU HAVE TO USE THE VOTING GAME TO SHUT THEM UP BEFORE THEY CAN SAY ANYTHING.
...THEY'RE BOTH ENTERED THIS TIME.
ASSUMING SHE'S ONE OF THE SURVIVORS, IT'S EITHER MIYAMOTO-SAN OR MIURA-SAN.

NAGASE-SAN, I'M PRETTY SURE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY VOTES YET, RIGHT?
...I HAVE NO CHOICE. SINCE IT'S COME TO THIS...
.....!
I'LL VOTE FOR YOU, SO PLEASE, JUST LET THIS SLIDE
...I HAVE A MILLION YEN RIGHT HERE
HUH ...?
...HEY...
...DO YOU UNDER-STAND YOUR POSITION ?

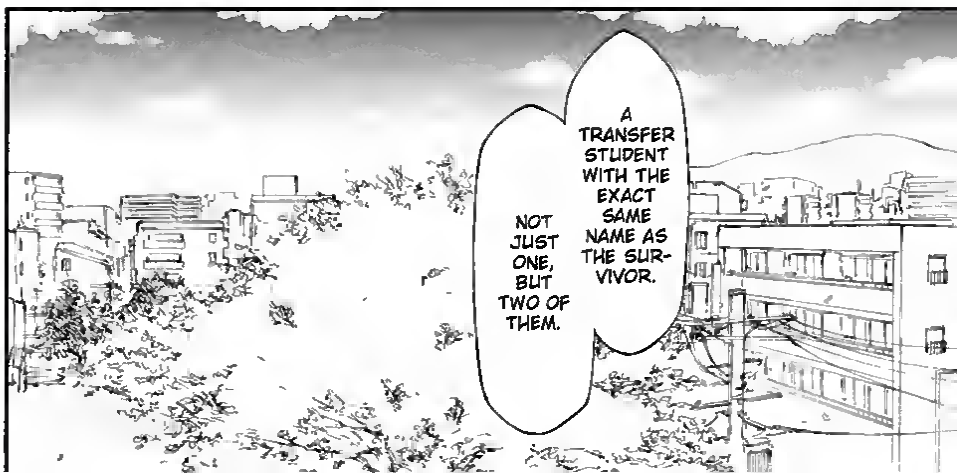
WE'D ALL BE FINE IF ONE OF THE BOYS DIDN'T VOTE!
BOSO (WHISPER)
HEH! IT WOULD BE SO MUCH EASIER IF SOMEONE GAVE UP.
WHO'LL ACTUALLY DIE WHEN I DON'T TAKE THAT FROM YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT... IT'S YOU, TAKAYAMA.
YOU'LL DIE RIGHT HERE IF I DON'T TAKE IT!
NAGASE-SAN...!?

WHA...!?
DA (DASH)
...HEH! DON'T UNDER-ESTI-MATE A TRACK STAR

COME ON, TAKA-YAMA.
IF YOU MAKE IT OVER, THEN I'LL TAKE YOUR VOTE.
OR ARE YOU GOING TO GO FIND SOMEONE ELSE? I HOPE YOU MAKE IT IN TIME.
WHY... ARE YOU DOING THIS ...?
I'M TEACH-ING YOU WHAT'S IT'S LIKE TO REALLY BE SCARED OF DYING...
...SINCE YOU'RE ALWAYS SO FULL OF HOT AIR.
APPARENTLY, SOMETHING SIMILAR HAPPENED BEFORE AT A DIFFERENT SCHOOL.

THERE WERE TWO STUDENTS WHO SURVIVED.
ONE WAS MARINA YAMAMURA.
HUH...?
AND THE OTHER...
...WAS THE VOTE-KEEPER...
...SHUUSUKE TAKAYAMA.
—!?
I-IT'S NOT ME!
I MEAN, I'M...
.....

I KNOW THAT...
I HEARD IT WAS EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO.
IT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE YOU TWO.
!?
...BUT IS IT REALLY JUST A COINCI-DENCE ?
PHEW


A TRANSFER STUDENT WITH THE EXACT SAME NAME AS THE SUR-VIVOR.
NOT JUST ONE, BUT TWO OF THEM.

IF YOU FALL, YOU'LL GO SPLAT JUST LIKE KAZUTO
WHOA. BE CARE-FUL!
...!
...ARE YOU SAYING IT'S...
... PLAN-NED ...?

...AM I THE SOURCE OF THIS DISASTER, JUST LIKE NAGASE-SAN SAYS...?
TELL ME, KAZUTO...
THAT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE!!
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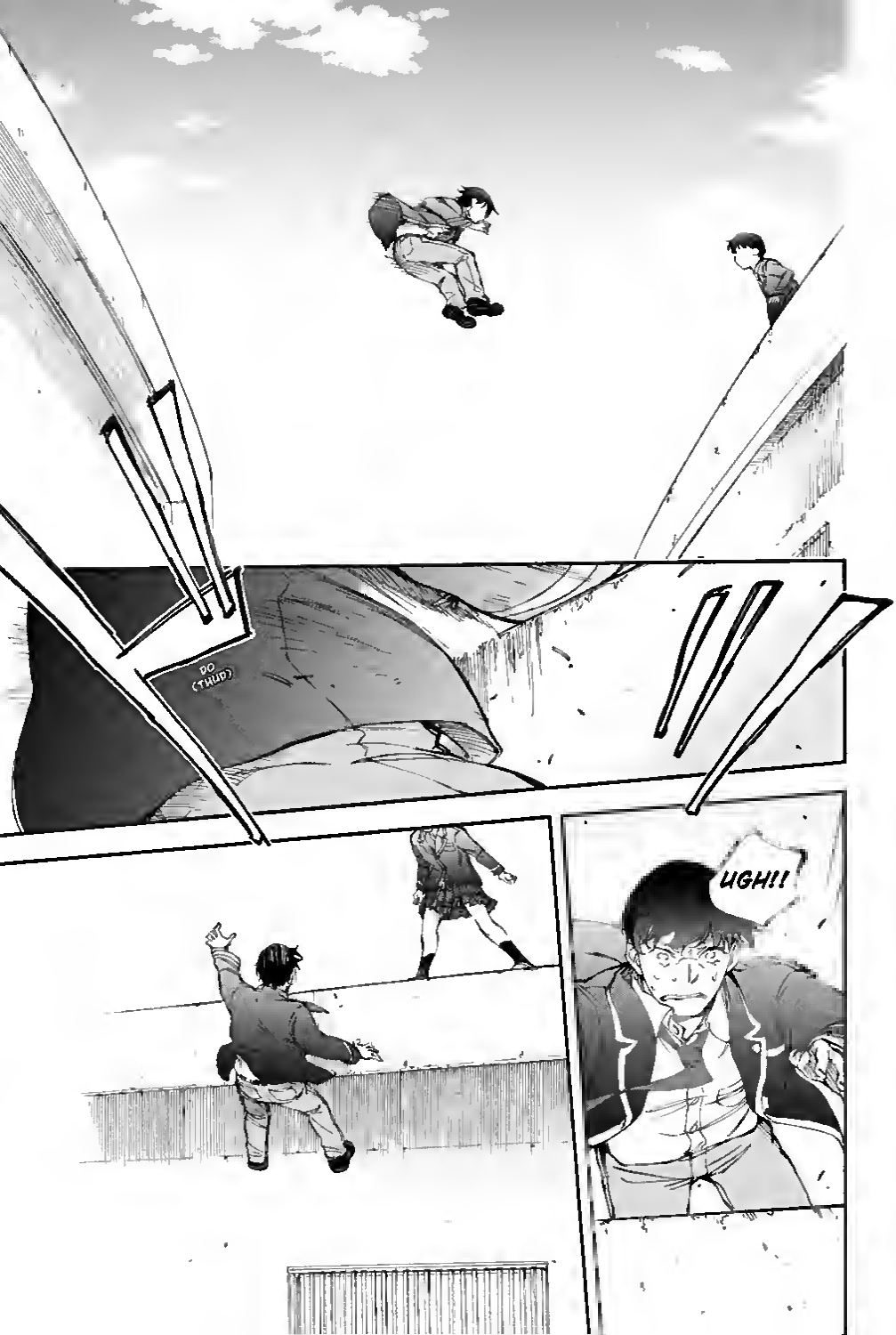

PO
(THUD)
UGH!!

I WILL ...
... SUR-VIVE ...!
ZARI (CRAWL)
GASHI (GRAB)
I'LL SURVIVE ...
...AND WILL AVENGE EVERY-ONE...!

...
NAGASE-SAN.
YOU'RE KAZUTO'S HELPER, AREN'T YOU?
WH-WHAT ARE YOU ...!?
THAT PICTURE WASN'T FROM THE CHANGING ROOM. IT WAS IN THE SHOWERS.
WE ONLY USE THE SHOWERS FOR GYM CLASS DURING THE SUMMER WHEN WE SWIM.
BUT I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT KAZUTO STARTED PREPARING FOR THIS LAST SUMMER.

BUT DON'T THE ATHLETIC TEAMS USE THE SHOWERS ALL YEAR ROUND?

SO YOU COULD HAVE TAKEN HER PICTURE.
IT'S FINE. BESIDES, PRACTICE GOT CANCELED.
...YOU AND KANAI-SAN WERE BOTH ON THE TRACK TEAM.

ALSO... AND THIS IS JUST MY OWN SPECULATION...

.....
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE THAT'S BEEN BUGGING ME.
...WHAT WERE THE POLICE DOING AT NAKAJIMA-SAN'S FUNERAL YESTERDAY?

BUT AFTER WHAT YOU SAID, I FINALLY GET IT.
THE POLICE WERE WAITING FOR YOU TO COME, WEREN'T THEY?
THEY WANTED TO TALK TO YOU, SOMEONE CONNECTED TO KAZUTO.
SO...

AHH!
OKAY, FINE!!
...KAZUTO AND I STARTED ...
...THIS POPU-LARITY CONTEST.
THERE ARE ALWAYS SOME BORING KIDS IN CLASS WHO YOU'D NEVER NOTICE IN NORMAL, EVERYDAY LIFE.

LET'S MAKE THEM SHINE!
YOU HAVE SOME FRIENDS LIKE THAT TOO, DON'T YOU?
SAY, FOR INSTANCE, MY FRIEND... WAKABA OOTSUKI.
...LIKE SAYA.
I HAD TO MAKE IT SOME-ONE'S FAULT... IT WAS SO HARD ...!
WHAT WE'D STARTED JUST KEPT GETTING SCARIER AND SCARIER ...
BACK THEN... WE HAD NO IDEA IT WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS...
SO, AT LEAST...I WANT TO END THIS MYSELF.
I WAS ENJOYING MYSELF AT FIRST TOO...
... I'M NOT TRYING TO BLAME YOU FOR THIS.

I TRUST YOU.
JUST LIKE SAYA DID.
...OKAY! IT'S PAYBACK TIME!
DID KAZUTO TELL YOU ANY-THING?
ANYTHING AT ALL. ANYTHING THAT MIGHT GIVE US A CLUE AS TO WHO'S RUNNING THIS VOTE.

...WAIT.
I TOLD THE POLICE YESTERDAY TOO, BUT ALL I DID WAS COLLECT THE PICTURES TO USE ON THE VOTING SITE...
UNFORTUNATELY... I'M COMPLETELY USELESS.
COME TO THINK OF IT, KAZUTO ASKED IF I HAD ANY FRIENDS WHO COULD BUILD THE VOTING SITE FOR HIM.
!?
D-DOES THAT MEAN HE HAD ANOTHER HELPER!?
WELL, I DON'T REALLY HAVE ALL THAT MANY FRIENDS ...
IN THE END, HE OUTSOURCED THE SITE TO SOME COMPANY.
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT COMPANY WAS NAMED RIN—

GO (VWOO)
WHOA !?
HUH ...
...?

NA-
GASE-
SAN!!

NO WAY.
...SHE TOOK IT?
WHY...?
BUT SHE TOOK MY VOTE...!
Voting Method
I HANDED OVER THE MONEY, JUST AS THE MESSAGE SAID. IT'S A VALID VOTE.
...ABOUT TODAY'S VOTE...
COME ON, TAKE OFF YOUR JACKET. GIVE ME YOUR BAG TOO.
A-AND...
Hand a million yen to the girl you want to vote for.

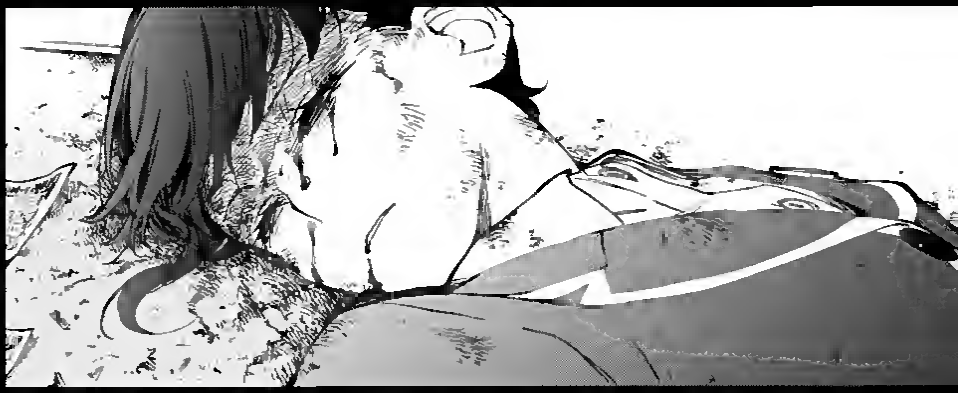
MY VOTE ALREADY COUNTED TOWARD DATE-SAN...!?
WHICH ONE?
ENTRY #4 ASAHI MIYAMOTO
ONE OF YOU WAS HELPING KAZUTO-KUN.
ENTRY #5 HARUKA MIURA

TELL ME...!
SHUUSUKE-KUN TOLD ME TO STAY OUT OF IT, BUT I JUST CAN'T DO THAT...!

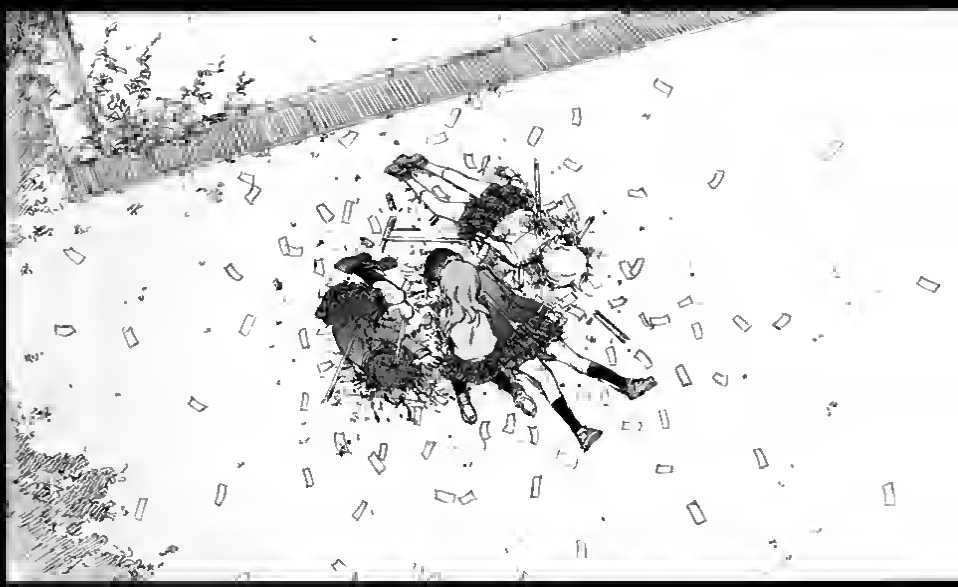
AH.....
AH...!
...
OOTSU
...
...KI...
SA...
!?
N-
NAGASE-
SAN...!
HYUU!
(WHEEZE)

HUH...?
.....
.....

Popularity Vote Round 7 Results



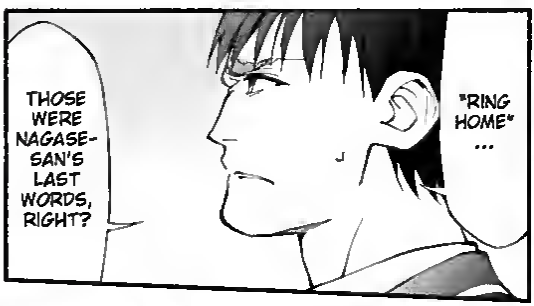
Ikumi Nagase, Haruka Miura, Asahi Miyamoto
——3 students deceased

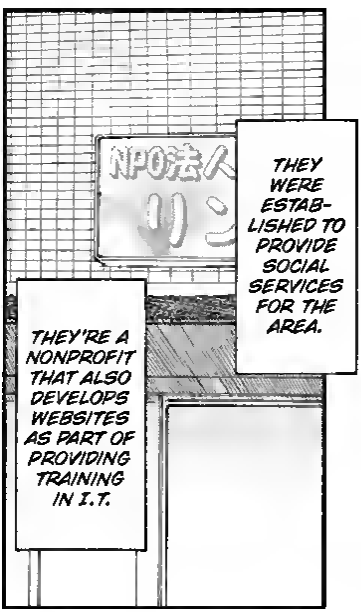


Class 2-A Currently:
6 boys 9 girls

SIGN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, RING HOME

RING HOME.


"RING HOME" ...
THOSE WERE NAGASE-SAN'S LAST WORDS, RIGHT?


THEY WERE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE AREA.
THEY'RE A NONPROFIT THAT ALSO DEVELOPS WEBSITES AS PART OF PROVIDING TRAINING IN I.T.

... YEAH.

SO THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO KAZUTO ASKED TO DESIGN THE VOTING SITE...
...HEY, YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
MAYBE WE SHOULD LET THE POLICE TAKE IT FROM HERE...
...WILL IT EVER END IF WE LET THE POLICE TAKE CARE OF IT?
WE... DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME...!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?

U-UMM... WE, UHH...
...DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS HERE?
WE HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS FOR THE PEOPLE HERE.

EMPTY ...!?
YOU DIDN'T SEE IT IN THE PAPERS?
WELL, I GUESS IT WAS A PRETTY SMALL ARTICLE.
GACHA (RATTLE)
GACHA (RATTLE)
THIS PLACE HAS BEEN EMPTY FOR QUITE A WHILE NOW.
... YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK.

ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO OR SO...
...RIGHT THERE WHERE YOU'RE STANDING...
...WAS A HEAD-LESS BODY.

#14

EARLY IN THE MORNING ON FEBRUARY 28...
...THE BODY OF A WOMAN IN HER MID-THIRTIES WAS DISCOVERED OUTSIDE THE RING HOME BUILDING.
THE HEAD HAD BEEN REMOVED, AND THE IDENTITY OF THE WOMAN WAS UNKNOWN.
A FOLDING KNIFE BELIEVED TO BELONG TO THE WOMAN WAS FOUND ON THE GROUND NEARBY.
THERE WERE NO MARKS INDICATING THE KNIFE HAD BEEN USED, SO IT WAS UNKNOWN IF IT WAS EVEN RELATED TO THE INCIDENT.
FURTHER-MORE, RING HOME HAD SUBMITTED A PREDATED DOCUMENT OFFICIALLY DISSOLVING THE ORGANI-ZATION.
THE POLICE BELIEVE THE TWO TO BE RELATED AND ARE INVESTIGATING, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS OF ANY FORMER EMPLOYEES.

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Progress Made on the Ring Home Death

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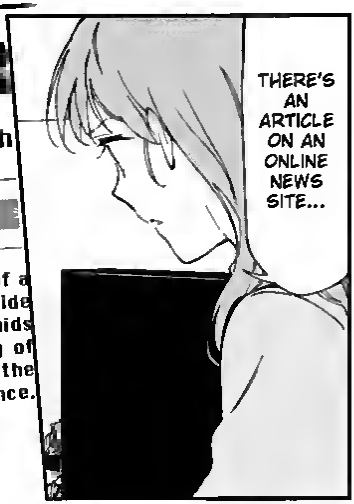
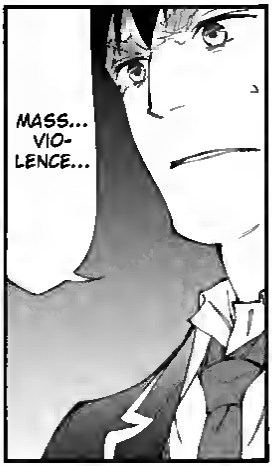
Early in the morning on February 28, the body of a woman in her mid-thirties was discovered outside of the building that housed Ring Home. Bodily fluids from multiple men were found inside the body of the dead woman. The police are investigating the incident as a possible murder due to mass violence.

The victim was an e





SHE WAS ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES AT RING HOME...

The victim was an e ye
ed Marina Yamamu n
...MARINA YAMA-MURA.
!?

NAGASE-SAN TOLD ME...
...THAT THE VOTING GAME HAPPENED AT ANOTHER SCHOOL EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO.
AND...
TH-THEN, MAYBE...
...THE ONLY SURVIVOR BACK THEN WAS MARINA YAMAMURA.
IF SHE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO, THEN SHE'D BE IN HER THIRTIES NOW.
...IT FITS WITH THE ARTICLE.
...YEAH.

IF SHE WERE STILL ALIVE, WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET MORE INFORMATION FROM HER...
.....
THE WOMAN WHO WAS KILLED WAS THE SURVIVOR OF THE LAST VOTING GAME.
ANYWAY, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE CAN SAY FOR SURE.
OR WHAT IF...
...IT STARTED AGAIN BECAUSE SHE DIED?
...IS A FAKE RUNNING AROUND USING THE NAME OF THE REAL MARINA YAMAMURA.
THE MARINA YAMAMURA THAT WE KNOW...

Let the 8th popularity vote commence

VOTING ELIGIBILITY:
The girls of class 2-A

VOTING METHOD: Have sex with the boy you want to vote for.

TALLY TIME: 24:00 tonight

SUBJECT OF THE VOTE:
The following five boys

Entry #1 Shuusuke Takayama
Entry #2 Junichi Kuniyasu
Entry #3 Shougo Murasame
Entry #4 Yamato Toujou
Entry #5 Ayouta Okazaki

I DON'T WANT TO DIE DANCING TO HER TUNE!
...WAIT, SHUU-SUKE-KUN.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DIE!
I'M... HERE FOR YOU.

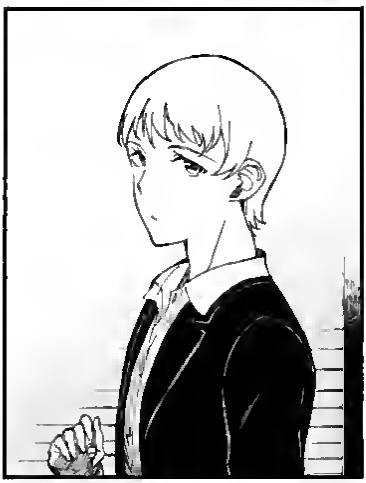
カチャ…
KACHA
(KA-CHAK)
D-DON'T LOOK...

O-OHH, SORRY ...!
KACHI
KACHI (CLICK)
GEEZ... I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT.

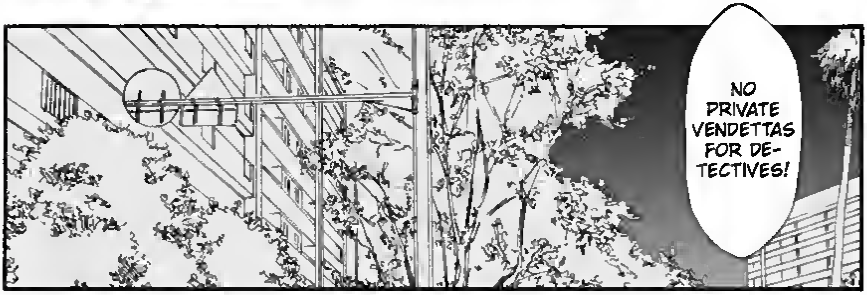
YOU'RE PRETTY LATE, TONEGAWA-SENPAI.

SO, ANY MOVEMENT YET?
NOT PARTICULARLY.
...OH, THERE WAS ONE THING. A YOUNG COUPLE STOPPED BY HERE EARLIER.
...HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME SENPAI?
WE'RE NOT IN SCHOOL ANYMORE.
#6 Wakaba Otsuki
#7 Ryuta Okazaki
#17 Chiharu Suzuki
#18 Shuusuke
SHUUSUKE TAKAYAMA AND WAKABA OOTSUKI.
THEY COULD VERY WELL BE CLOSER TO THE TRUTH THAN WE ARE.
...I HIGHLY DOUBT THAT.
AFTER ALL...
THE TWO FROM THE FUNERAL ...

...I HAVE THE KEY RIGHT HERE.



RING HOME... WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO FIND SOME CLUES HERE.
...FOR YOUR BROTHER'S SAKE TOO.


NO PRIVATE VENDETTAS FOR DETECTIVES!

...SHALL WE GET STARTED?
...NOW...
GIL COLBAKO
RYAN BING ICHIE

...HEY.
THANK YOU, SHUU-SUKE-KUN.

...I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING YOU NEED TO BE THANKING ME FOR.
NO, YOU ACCEPTED MY VOTE FOR YOU.
YOU SAVED MY LIFE.
BUT WA-KABA ...
...WE'RE STILL NOT GUARAN-TEED TO MAKE IT THROUGH THIS.
THERE'S A CHANCE THAT I COULD BE IN THE BOTTOM ...
THERE ARE NINE GIRLS.
I NEED TWO VOTES TO BE SURE THAT I CAN'T BE IN THE BOTTOM.
...THEN ...
...WE'LL BE TO-GETHER WHEN WE DIE, WON'T WE?
... YEAH.

WHOA!
JUST KID-DING!
SO YOU MEAN...
YOU'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY POPULAR, YOU KNOW
YOU'LL BE JUST FINE!

IF ANY OTHER GIRLS NEED YOU, LET IT HAPPEN.
...OKAY?
PLEASE.
...
YEAH.
GOT IT.

I DON'T... WANT TO SEE THAT.
AND WHAT WOULD I DO IF ANOTHER GIRL CAME?
...YOU SHOULD STAY A LITTLE LONGER, YOU KNOW.
...YOU'RE GIVING ME TOO MUCH CREDIT.
I'M NOT THAT POPULAR.
YOU'LL BE FINE!
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE MY CHOICE.

パタン
PATAN (SHUT)
ピンポーン
PINPOON (PING-PONG)
WAKABA, DID YOU FORGET SOME-THING?

...YAMA-MURA...
MARINA...
H—
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?
THAT'S PRETTY OBVI-OUS.

IT WAS HER PLAN.
...WHY ME?
HER...?
D-DATE-SAN!?

I INVITED HER.
HUH?
...TO MAKE SURE WE SURVIVED BY GIVING ME TWO VOTES?
WELL, I...
THAT'S NOT IT? THEN WHAT ARE YOU PLOTTING?

...DON'T KNOW HOW TO HAVE SEX.

...SEX?
YES... APPARENTLY THAT WAS ONE OF THE VOTING METHODS EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO AS WELL.
DOING IT WITH SOMEONE YOU DON'T LOVE, HUH...?
I DON'T KNOW THAT I COULD GET IT UP.
PEOPLE HAVE SURVIVAL INSTINCTS, YOU KNOW.
WHEN FACED WITH EXTREME SITUATIONS, MEN GET ERECTIONS IN ORDER TO PASS ON THEIR SEED.

WE KNOW THAT AT LEAST SIX OF THE GIRLS GOT PREGNANT FROM THIS VOTE.
IT COULD HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN EVEN MORE THAN THAT.

SIX OF THEM? NO WAY. GIRLS JUST DON'T GET PREGNANT THAT EASILY...
I TOLD YOU IT WAS A SURVIVAL INSTINCT.
WOMEN HAVE IT TOO.

THEN THE GAME CONTIN-UED...
...AND THERE WAS ONE BOY AND TWO GIRLS LEFT.

THE NEXT VOTING METHOD WAS...
..."GIVE YOUR CHILD THE NAME OF THE GIRL YOU WANT TO VOTE FOR."
THE BOY GAVE HIS UNBORN CHILD THE NAME MARINA.
...THAT WAS THE RESULT OF THE INCIDENT EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO.
THEN, THAT GIRL IN THE SAILOR UNIFORM ...
...IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE MARINA YAMAMURA YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING?
THAT'S RIGHT.

HUH? WHAT ABOUT THE BOY THAT WAS THERE AT THE END?
THE ONLY SURVIVORS WERE MARINA YAMAMURA AND HER CHILD.
...HE WAS KILLED...
...BY MARINA YAMAMURA.
...
WAIT.

WHO ARE YOU, REALLY?
WHY ARE YOU SO OBSESSED WITH ME?
WASN'T HE THE FATHER OF HER CHILD?
WHY WOULD SHE KILL HIM...?
...THAT'S HORRIBLE.
...THE WORST PART WAS WHAT CAME AFTERWARD.
ACCORDING TO HER...
..."BECAUSE HE WAS THE VOTEKEEPER."

A BOY AND A GIRL.
SHE LATER FOUND OUT THAT SHE WAS CARRYING TWINS.
...BUT SHE ABSOLUTELY REFUSED TO LET ANYONE ELSE NAME THEM.
SO DIFFERENT RELATIVES TOOK IN THE TWO BABIES SEPARATELY.
SHE WAS MENTALLY UNSTABLE AFTER WHAT HAPPENED AND COULDN'T PROPERLY RAISE A CHILD.
...AND THE BOY HIS FATHER'S NAME.
SHE GAVE THE GIRL HER OWN NAME...
WHICH MEANS THAT SHUUSUKE TAKAYAMA AND MARINA YAMAMURA...

...ARE TWINS.

...ARE TWINS.

STUDENT NUMBER 10
JUNICHI
KUNIYASU
STUDENT NUMBER 30
HIMARI
NOMURA
STUDENT NUMBER 7
RYOUTA
OKAZAKI
STUDENT NUMBER 23
MISAKI
TOMIYAMA
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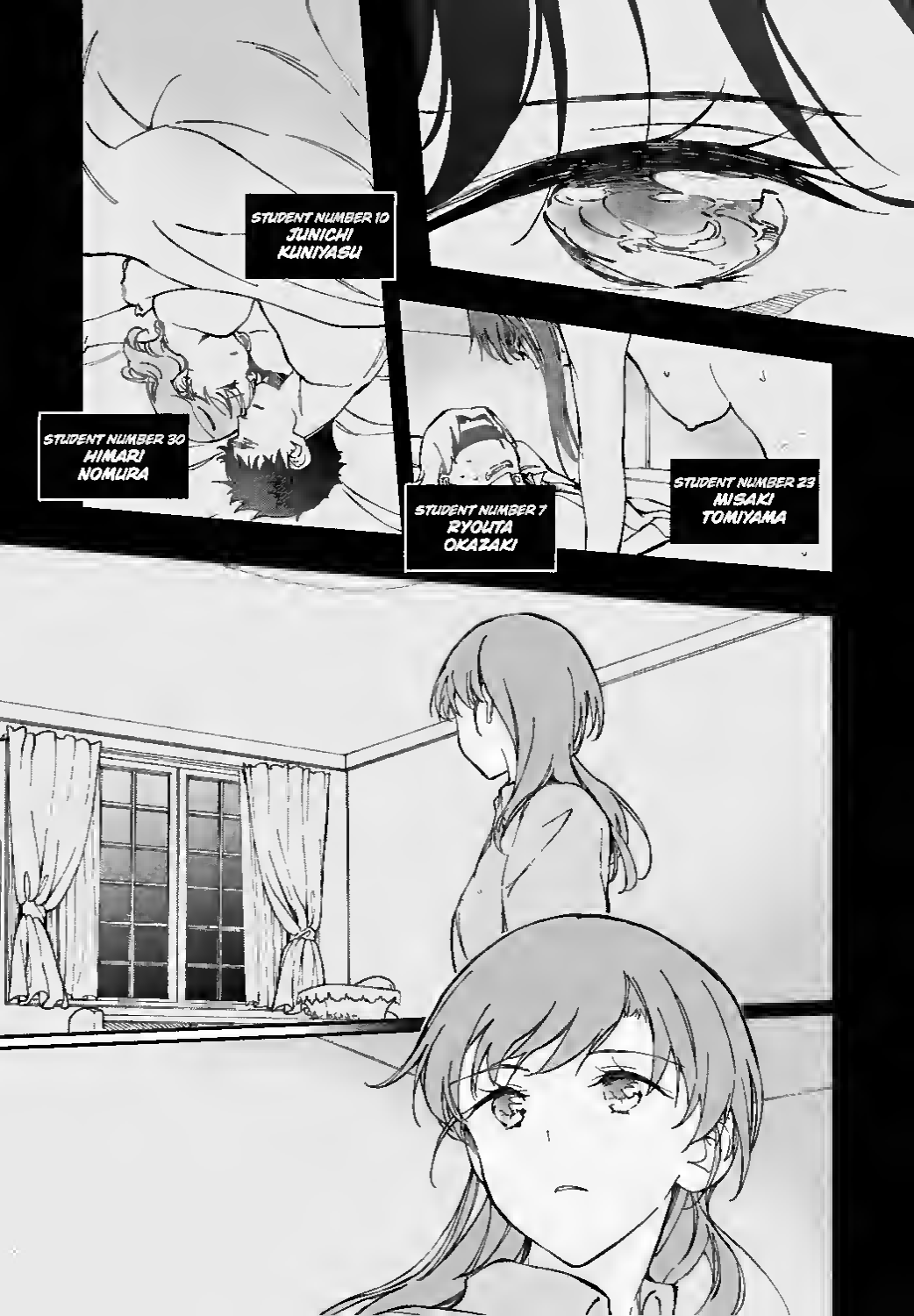
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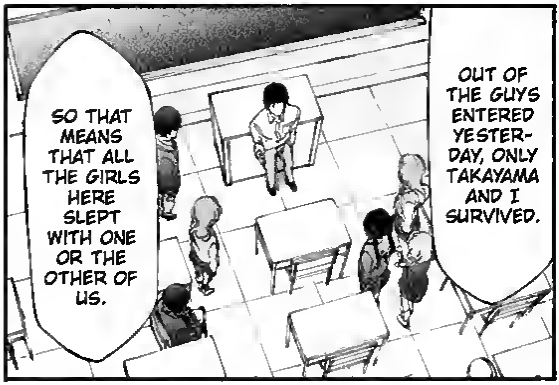
TOMIYAMA

Ryouta Okazaki
Yamato Toujou
Junichi Kuniyasu
Kanon Shiina
Misaki Tomiyama
Himari Nomura

3 boys, 3 girls deceased

Class 2-A
Currently:
3 boys 6 girls


SO THAT MEANS THAT ALL THE GIRLS HERE SLEPT WITH ONE OR THE OTHER OF US.
OUT OF THE GUYS ENTERED YESTERDAY, ONLY TAKAYAMA AND I SURVIVED.

BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY THE GIRLS WOULD BE WONDERING ABOUT IT. ESPECIALLY...
...YOU, WAKABA.
STOP IT, MURASAME! IT'S NOT LIKE WE DID IT BECAUSE WE WANTED TO...
...JUST WHO YOUR BELOVED SHUU-SUKE-KUN SLEPT WITH LAST NIGHT.
IF YOU WANT, I'LL TELL YOU...

LET'S ALL BE A LITTLE MORE TRUE TO OUR DESIRES.
WE DON'T KNOW WHEN WE'RE GONNA DIE.
IS IT REALLY TIME TO BE PLAYING MISS GOODIE TWO-SHOES?
PIRIRI (RINGING)
I THINK SO TOO.
I MEAN, NEXT IS GOING TO BE THE BOYS' TURN TO VOTE...AND WE'LL DIE IF THEY DON'T VOTE FOR US.
BUT MAYBE WE REALLY SHOULD KNOW, FOR THE FUTURE.
I'D RATHER NOT.
PIRIRIRIRI
VUU (BZZ)
VUU
VUU

Let the 9th popularity vote commence

VOTING ELIGIBILITY:
The boys of class 2-A

VOTING METHOD: Tell the girl you want to vote for the name of the person you love.

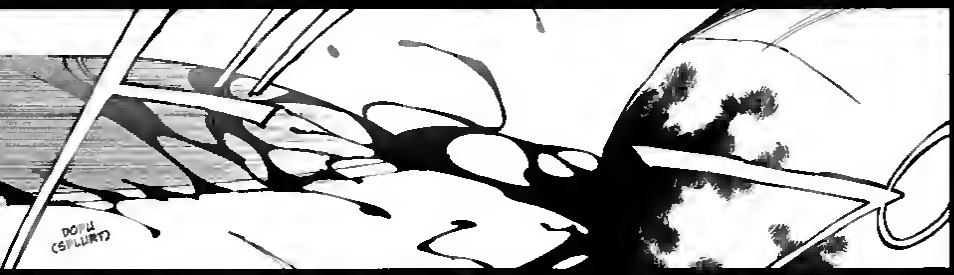
TALLY TIME: 12:00 today

SUBJECT OF THE VOTE:
The following five girls

Entry #1 Yuuka Makimoto
Entry #2 Rumiko Oate
Entry #3 Yui Shimakawa
Entry #4 Marina Yamamura
Entry #5 Rino Kodama

#15

Popularity Vote Round 9



Voting method: Tell the girl you want to vote for the name of the person you love.

Deadline for vote: 12:00 today

#15

"TELL THE GIRL YOU WANT TO VOTE FOR THE NAME OF THE PERSON YOU LOVE."
...HE CAN'T REALLY VOTE IF HE CAN'T TALK.
OKAY, NOW WE CAN ALL RELAX.
ENTRY #1
YUUKA MAKIMOTO
IF THE BOYS HAVE THE RIGHT TO KILL US, THEN WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KILL YOU TOO.
THAT'S JUST GENDER EQUALITY.
MAKI-MOTO-SAN... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ...!?
.....!
OH? WHAT?

OR DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A VOTE, LIKE A PROPER VOTING GAME?
IF A BUNCH OF YOU ARE AGAINST IT, THEN YOU CAN JUST MAKE ME GO THROUGH THE SAME THING IN THE NEXT ROUND.
...THIS IS STUPID. EITHER WAY, I'M NOT ABOUT TO JUST DIE.
ENTRY #2 RUMIKO DATE
BUT... YUUKA COULD HAVE A POINT.
ENTRY #3 YUI SHIMAKAWA
I MEAN, THE BOYS GET TO VOTE, BUT THERE ARE ONLY THREE OF THEM...
...WHEN THERE ARE FIVE GIRLS ENTERED.
IF THE VOTE IS VALID, THEN...

ENTRY #4
MARINA
YAMAMURA
...AT LEAST TWO GIRLS WILL HAVE NO VOTES AND DIE.

.....
ENTRY #5
RINO KODAMA
YOU GET THAT TOO, DON'T YOU... RINO?
YOU DID KILL TAIYOU FUJIMA, AFTER ALL.

IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE GAME...
BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING.
WE AREN'T DOING ANYTHING WRONG.
KASHA (CLATTER)
EEKI-
PAN (SMACK)

DON'T ACT LIKE THAT'S THE SAME...I'M NOT LIKE YOU.
I...
I...
...CAN'T LAUGH ABOUT KILLING SOME-ONE...!

...SMILE...
...RINO.

MURA-SAME-KUN ...!?
I SAID... TO SMILE.
DO (THUNK)
I LIKE IT WHEN GIRLS ...
...SMILE.

TOOOO BAD!
THERE'S ABSO-LUTELY NOOOO WAY YOU'RE GONNA SNEAK IN A VOTE RIGHT NOW ...
GURI
GURI (GRIND)
UGH ...
GUH ...!

CALLING
Riko Tanu
090-52
TANUMA ... SENPAI ...?
SHE'S THE PERSON YOU LIKE...?
TURURURURURU (BRRRRING)
TURURURURU
KARAN (CLATTER)

Shougo Murasame voted for Rino Kodama.

AHHH, HONESTLY, GIRL FIGHTS ARE JUST SO NASTY.
SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT, CALLING ME OUT HERE LIKE THIS...
...SHUU-SUKE-KUN?

OH, COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE'S OO-TSUKI-SAN?
SHE'S NOT WITH YOU?
.....
SHE'S NOT ENTERED THIS TIME, SO SHE ALREADY WENT HOME.
...YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT.
THEN THAT MEANS WE'RE ALONE.
HEY, SHUU-SUKE-KUN.
ゴロゴロ GORO (RUMBLE) GORO
DATE-SAN...

LET'S DROP OUT OF SCHOOL AND MOVE SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY, JUST THE TWO OF US.
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE ENOUGH FOOD TO LIVE IF WE JUST TAKE CARE OF IT, YOU KNOW.
THOUGH IT WILL PROBABLY BE HARD AT FIRST.
YOU KNOW, MY GRAND-MA HAS SOME FARM-LAND OUT IN THE COUN-TRY.
SHE'S GETTING TOO OLD TO WORK IT HERSELF, SO IT'S PRETTY MUCH FALLEN INTO RUIN...
SHE'S ALWAYS COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW SHE WISHES SOMEONE YOUNG WOULD COME HELP HER OUT...
POTSU (PLOP)
POTSU

DATE-SAN...
YOU SAVED MY LIFE.
TIME AND TIME AGAIN.
SO FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO PROTECT YOU, EVEN IF IT KILLS ME.
LISTEN TO ME!
THE PERSON I LOVE ...
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT!!!

I DON'T!
I DON'T!
I DON'T!
I DON'T!!
YOU LOVE ME!
I MEAN, IT WOULD BE WEIRD OTHERWISE!
YOU CAN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT WITH SOMEONE YOU DON'T LOVE, RIGHT!?

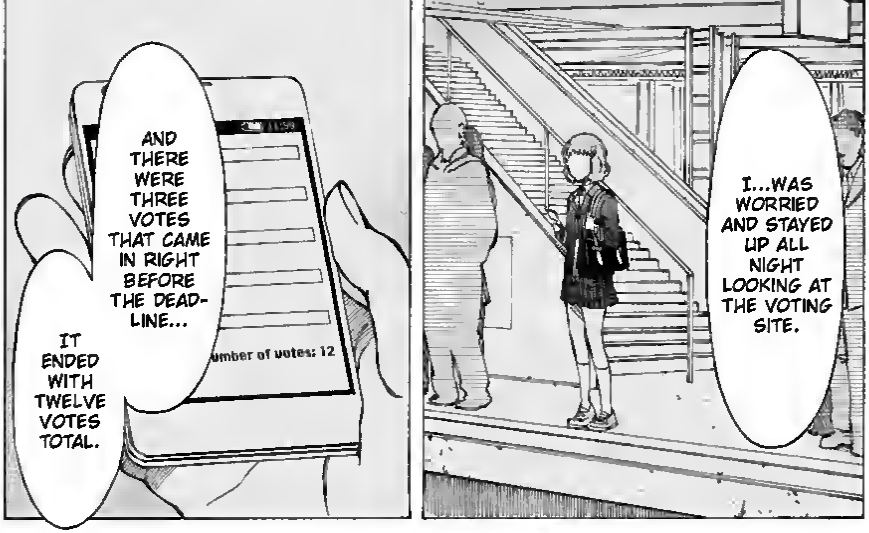
YOU SAVED MY LIFE!
YOU DID! AGAIN AND AGAIN!
DIDN'T YOU...?
TELL ME YOU DID ...!!
...YEAH, I DID.
I'M HERE RIGHT NOW TO SAVE YOU.
THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO LISTEN TO ME.
THE PERSON I LOVE ISN'T YOU, IT'S—

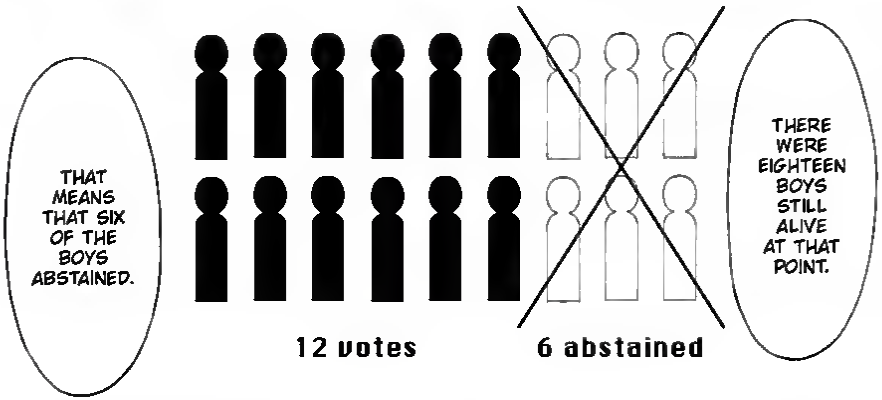
IF I HAVE TO HEAR THE REST OF THAT...
...THEN I'D RATHER DIE.

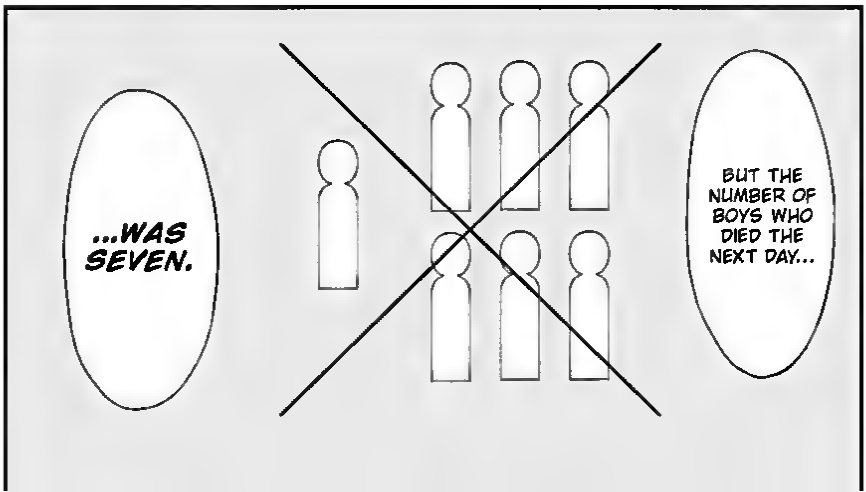
SHAAAAAAA
SHISHIIII
サーアーアアアアアアー
...MORI-MOTO-KUN?

KODAMA-SAN...
...DID YOU LOVE MURA-SAME-KUN?
I HATED HIM.
I ALWAYS... WISHED HE WOULD JUST DIE.
...I STILL DO NOW.
TH-THE TRUTH IS, I...
...LIKE Y—

I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN A VOTE FROM MURA-SAME-KUN.
...DON'T.
...THOSE TWO AREN'T WORTH SAVING ...
GO SAVE SHIMA-KAWA-SAN OR MAKI-MOTO-SAN.
TAKA-YAMA-KUN SAID HE WAS GOING TO VOTE FOR DATE-SAN.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT FUJIMA-KUN?
BUT THAT WAS BECAUSE HE DIDN'T VOTE...
I'M...
...EVEN LESS WORTHY THAN THEY ARE.
...NO, IT'S NOT.


AND THERE WERE THREE VOTES THAT CAME IN RIGHT BEFORE THE DEAD-LINE...
IT ENDED WITH TWELVE VOTES TOTAL.
I...WAS WORRIED AND STAYED UP ALL NIGHT LOOKING AT THE VOTING SITE.


THAT MEANS THAT SIX OF THE BOYS ABSTAINED.
12 votes
6 abstained
THERE WERE EIGHTEEN BOYS STILL ALIVE AT THAT POINT.

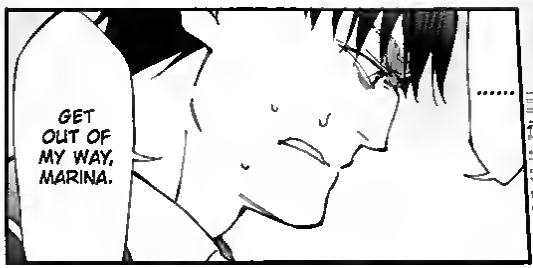

...WAS SEVEN.
BUT THE NUMBER OF BOYS WHO DIED THE NEXT DAY...

!?
THERE WAS ONE BOY WHO DIED EVEN THOUGH...
...HE VOTED.
Y-YOU'RE NOT SAYING THAT IT WAS FUJIMA-KUN...?
IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT.
...IT WASN'T A CURSE OR ANY-THING LIKE THAT.

I... KILLED HIM.
I FELL OFF THE PLATFORM, AND HE TRIED TO SAVE ME.
BUT I WAS JUST DESPERATE TO SAVE MYSELF, AND I PUSHED HIM AWAY.
AND THEN ...
PLEASE, MURASAME-KUN, DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS...
I'LL DO ANYTHING... ANYTHING ...!
CAN YOU STILL SAY YOU LOVE ME?

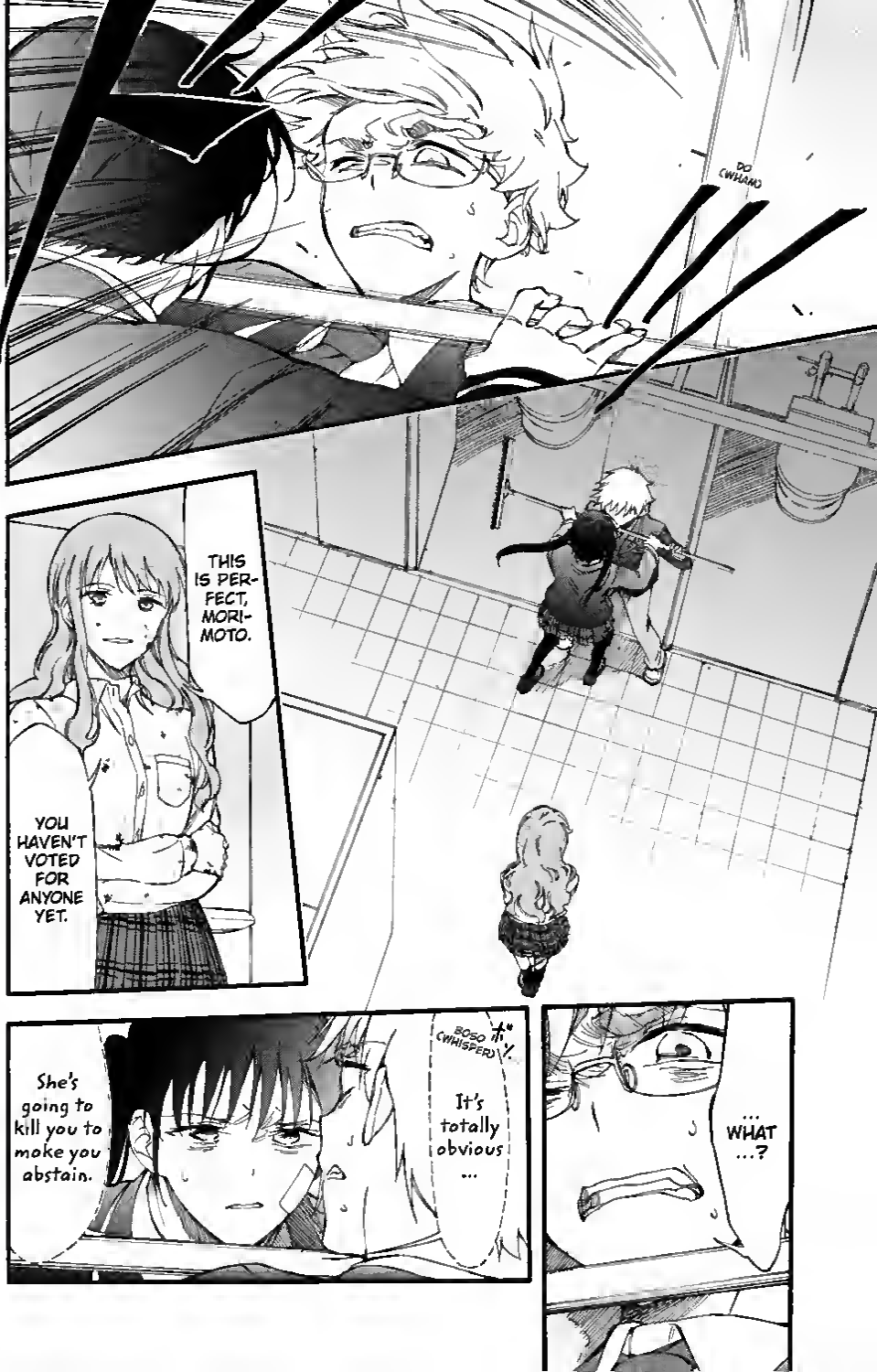
WAIT, DATE-SAN !!

"I'M HERE TO SAVE YOU, DATE-SAN"... IS IT?


GET OUT OF MY WAY, MARINA.
.....

SO YOU REALLY DID START HAVING FEELINGS FOR HER AFTER HAVING SEX WITH HER?

ARE YOU GOING TO BREAK HER HEART ...
...TO SAVE HER LIFE?
ARE YOU SAYING I SHOULD JUST LET HER DIE!?
GET OUT OF THE WAY! I'M GOING TO SAVE HER...!
YOU COULD ALWAYS AB-STAIN.
IF YOU DID THAT, IT WOULD SAVE HER LIFE.


DO (WHAM)
THIS IS PERFECT, MORIMOTO.
YOU HAVEN'T VOTED FOR ANYONE YET.
BOSO (WHISPER)
It's totally obvious ...
She's going to kill you to make you abstain.
... WHAT ...?

Hey, why not just tell me who you like right now?
If you do thot, she won't hove o reoson to come for you ony- more.
I-I DON'T HAVE ANYONE I—
!!
WHAT? I CAN'T HEAR YOU ...

GO
(THWACK)
AHH
!!
EEK
...!
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO BEAT ME TO THE PUNCH?
GIVEN THE SITUATION, IT'S BEST TO JUST MAKE SURE ONE OF THE BOYS, ANY OF THEM, ABSTAINS, ISN'T IT?
NO... NOOOO ...!

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Bill
(FWIP)
NOW, THEN ...
I DON'T HAVE TO BOTHER GETTING MY HANDS DIRTY. YOU CAN JUST DIE RIGHT THERE, WITH NO ONE TO SEE YOU GO.
ONLY FIVE MINUTES LEFT UNTIL THE DEADLINE.
カラ...
KARA
(SLIDE)

DAMN
...
HUH
...?

DOSA (THUMP)
MORI-MOTO-KUN!
I'M SO SORRY ABOUT EARLI-ER...
I... GOT ALL CAUGHT UP IN MY OWN PROB-LEMS AGAIN...
I'M SORRY ...!
ME TOO... SORRY FOR BEING SO WISHY-WASHY.
I REALLY DO...
...LIKE YOU...

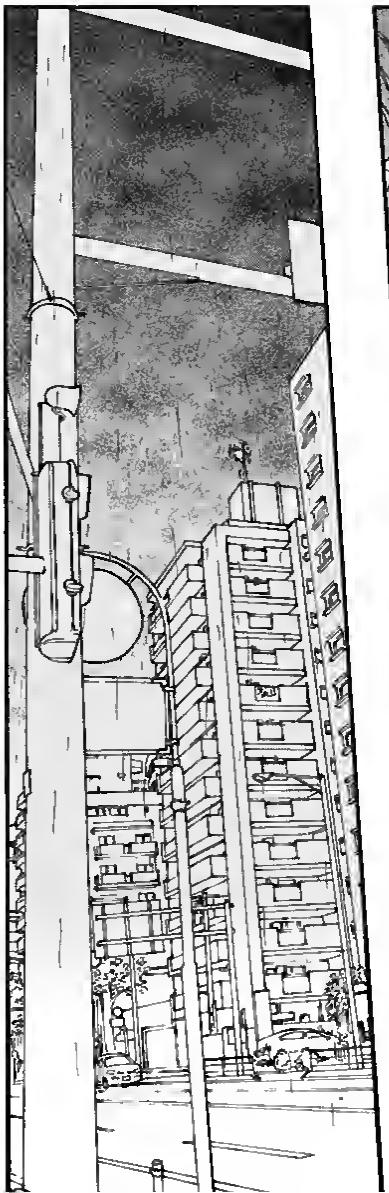
Atsushi Morimoto voted for Rino Kodama.

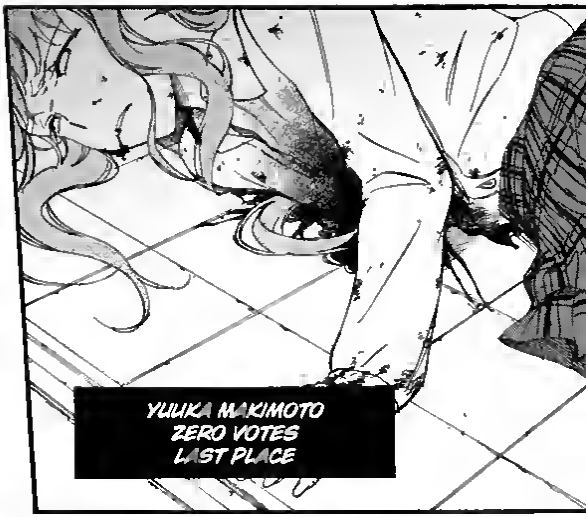
IT COULD VERY WELL BE THAT...
...THE NAME OF THE PERSON YOU LOVE IS SHUU-SUKE TAKA-YAMA.
SO IN THE END, YOU JUST WANT TO SAVE YOURSELF.
EVEN IF IT MEANS MAKING OTHERS CRY...OR KILLS THEM.
...I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE IF I DON'T HAVE TO!
BUT I'M... JUST NOT THAT STRONG.
I'VE BEEN JERKED AROUND BY THIS GAME THIS WHOLE TIME.
THAT'S JUST HOW I AM, BUT EVEN SO...
...THERE IS SOME-ONE I WANT TO PRO-TECT!

...IS THAT WAKABA OOTSUKI?
YEAH, IT IS.
IF IT WILL LET ME PROTECT WAKABA, I'LL KILL ANYONE, WHETHER THAT'S A CLASSMATE, A FRIEND ...
...OR EVEN MY SISTER!
...I SEE.
THANK YOU...
...FOR THAT NOBLE VOTE.

Shuusuke Takayama voted for Marina Yamamura.

Popularity Vote Round 9 Voting Complete





DATE-SAN...?

Class 2-A
Currently:
2 boys 3 girls

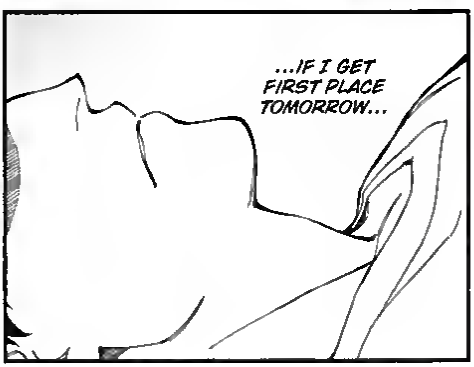
GAN (THUD)
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
HOW DO I END THIS?
THERE HAS TO BE A WAY. THERE MUST BE SOME HINT SOME-WHERE...
IT'LL KEEP WHITTLING THEM DOWN LITTLE BY LITTLE, AND IN THE END, WE'LL HAVE THE MOST POPULAR GIRL IN THE CLASS.
APPARENTLY, SOMETHING SIMILAR HAPPENED BEFORE AT A DIFFERENT SCHOOL.
THERE WERE TWO STUDENTS WHO SUR-VIVED.

...GETTING DOWN TO JUST ONE GUY AND ONE GIRL.
THE WAY TO END THIS... DON'T TELL ME IT'S...

THERE ARE ONLY TWO LEFT.
THEN...

TOMORROW IS A GUYS' VOTE.

...I VOTE FOR WAKABA ...
...AND THEN IN THE NEXT GIRLS' VOTE ...


...IF I GET FIRST PLACE TOMORROW...

...IF I CAN JUST MAKE IT THROUGH TOMORROW...
...THERE'LL BE JUST ONE GUY AND ONE GIRL, AND THE VOTING GAME WILL END...!
THE VOTING MES-SAGE ...!
PIRIRIRIRIRIN (VIBRINGLE)
...WHA—?

Let the 10th popularity vote commence

VOTING ELIGIBILITY: The girls of class 2-A
VOTING METHOD: Obtain the eyeball
of the boy you want to vote for.
TALLY TIME: 12:00 tomorrow

SUBJECT OF THE VOTE: The following two boys

Entry #1	Shuusuke Takayama
Entry #2	Atsushi Morimoto

THE VOTING METHOD —
"OBTAIN THE EYEBALL OF THE BOY YOU WANT TO VOTE FOR"!?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, VOTE-KEEPER!?
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM US!!?

Y-YEAH...
...DID YOU SEE THAT MESSAGE JUST NOW?
PIRIRIRIRIRI (TRRRINGLE)
...I'LL BE FINE.
LOSING AN EYE WON'T KILL ME.
SO DON'T WORRY, AND JUST VOTE FOR ME...
...THAT'S NOT IT!
Huh ...?
THERE ARE ONLY TWO BOYS LEFT, YOU AND MORIMOTO-KUN.
BUT THERE ARE THREE GIRLS...
THAT MEANS THE TWO OF YOU HAVE TO SPLIT THREE VOTES!

SHE'S RIGHT...
WITH JUST ONE VOTE...I'LL BE IN THE BOTTOM AND DIE.
BUT...IN ORDER TO GET TWO VOTES...
...WITHOUT TWO VOTES...
...YOU'LL DIE.
...I HAVE TO LOSE BOTH EYES...

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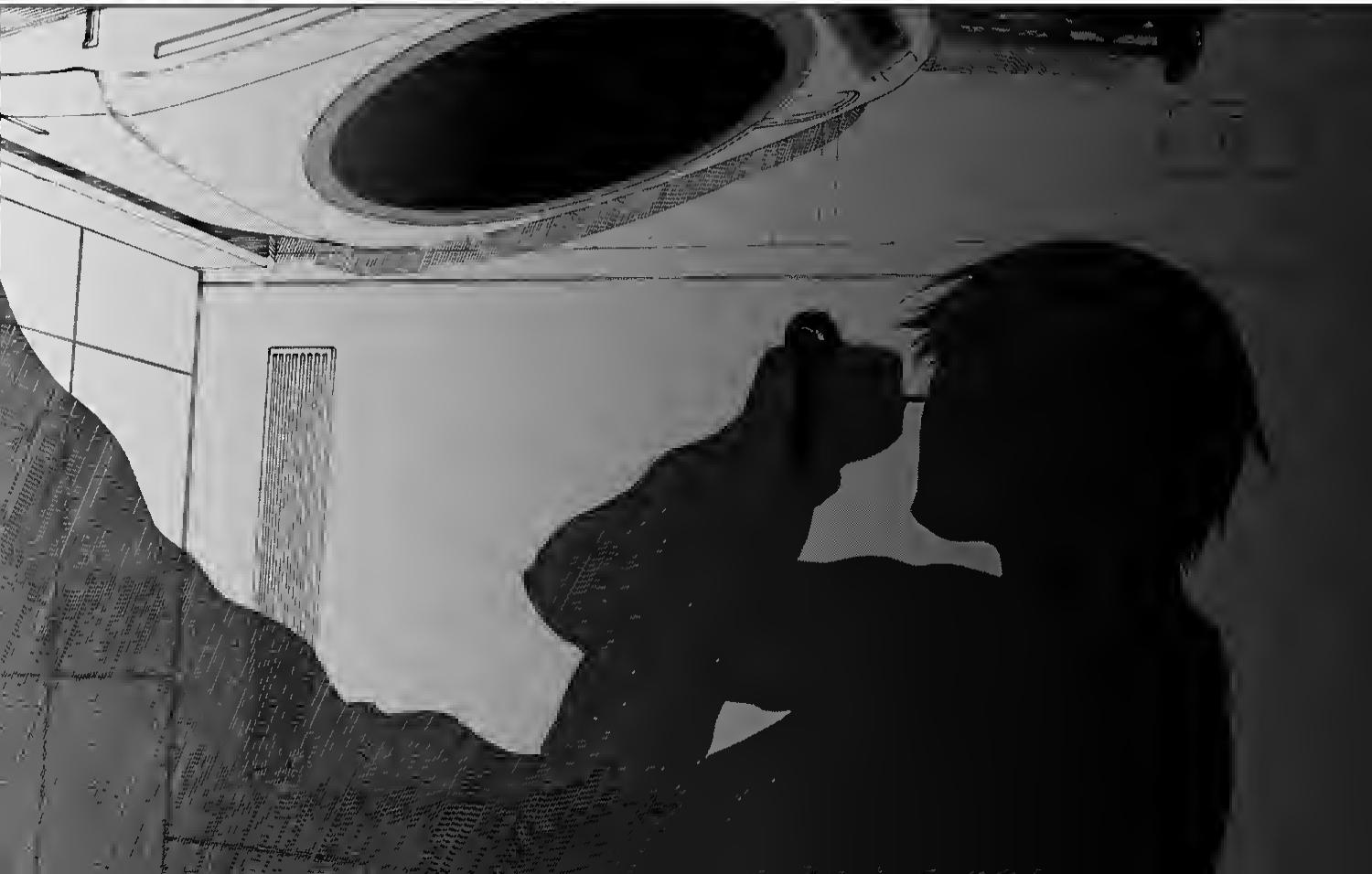
ZAWA (CHILL)
HEY, SHUU-SUKE-KUN.
...I WON'T VOTE.
N-NO!
IF YOU DO THAT, YOU'LL...!
But !!

BUT... BUT IF I DON'T...
...YOU'LL ...!
ZOO!
ZOOOOOOO!
AAAAAAAHHHH!

SAAA
(FSSSHHH)



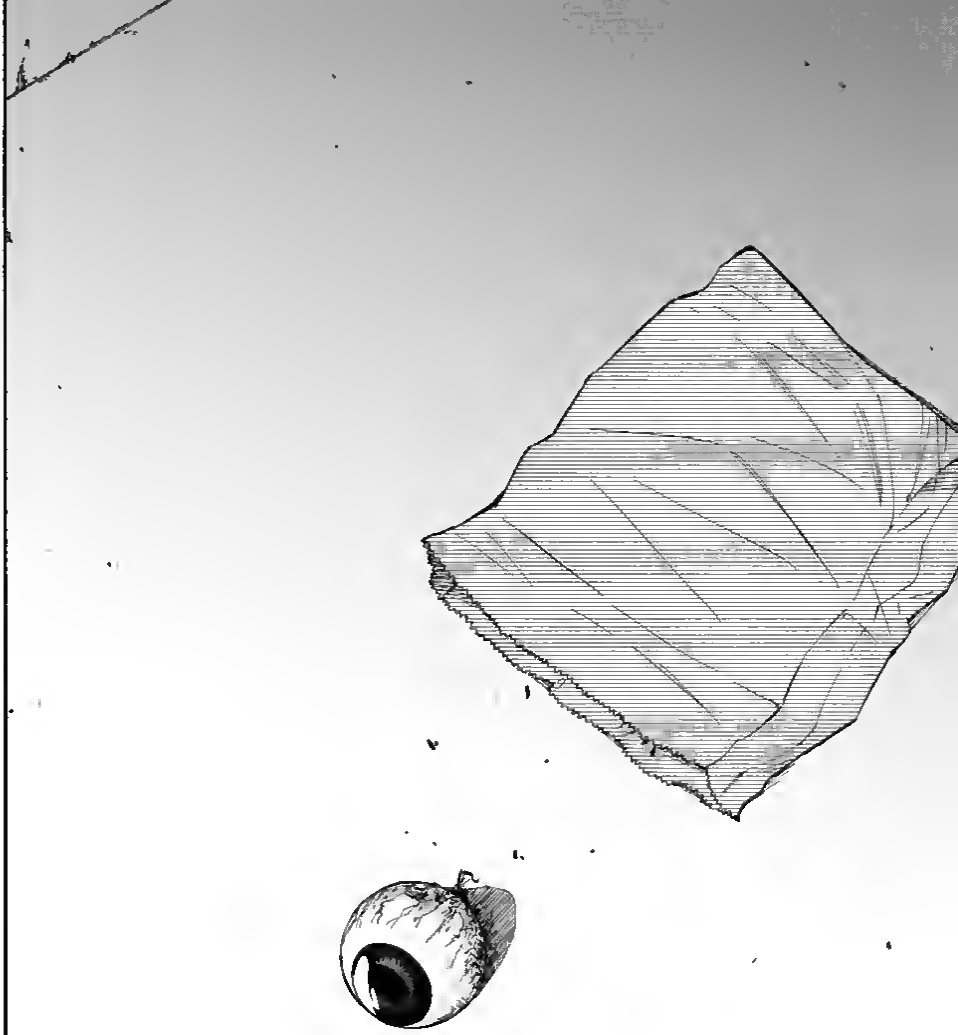
Popularity Vote Round 10

Voting Method

Obtain the eyeball of the boy you want to vote for.

FIRST, I HAVE TO GET THIS TO WAKABA ...
TODAY IS A GUYS' VOTE. EITHER MORIMOTO OR I WILL DIE.
BUT IF I LIVE THROUGH TODAY...THE NEXT ONE WILL BE THE LAST.

MARI...
NA...
BASA
(RUSTLE)



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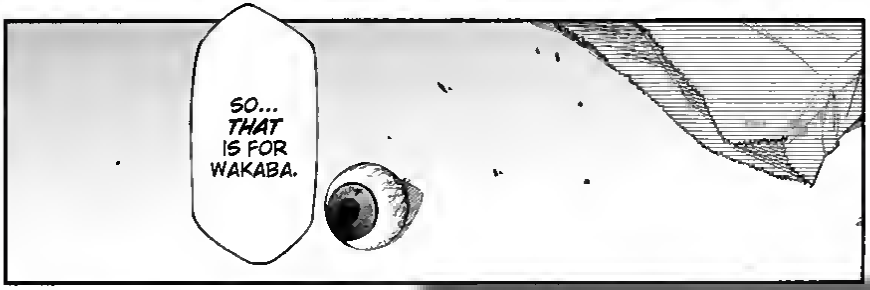
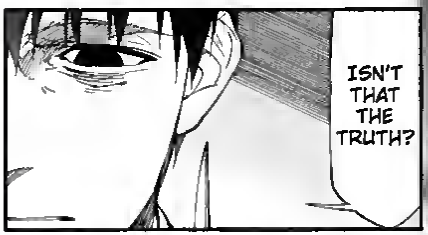
WAIT.
I PROMISE... I'LL GIVE YOU ONE OF MY EYES.
...BUT NOT *THAT* ONE.
THERE ARE ONLY THREE GIRLS LEFT— WAKABA, YOU, AND KODAMA-SAN.
THAT MEANS I NEED TWO VOTES TO WIN.
I WAS PLANNING ON GIVING MY TWO EYES TO YOU AND WAKABA FROM THE START.
BUT...
...WAKABA'S A *NORMAL GIRL*, UNLIKE YOU.
...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

SHE...
...WOULD RATHER NOT VOTE THAN MAKE ME LOSE BOTH EYES.


SO... THAT IS FOR WAKABA.


ISN'T THAT THE TRUTH?

.....
MAYBE.

SO YOU'RE SAYING ...
...I WOULDN'T HESITATE TO DIG OUT THIS EYE?

HEY, IS THAT...
...REALLY YOURS?
IT'S NOT ACTUALLY SOMEONE ELSE'S EYE, AND YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK RINO KODAMA INTO ABSTAINING?
...THAT COULD HAVE WORK-ED.

GARA (SLIDE)
...
PLEASE, WAKABA.
DON'T SAY ANYTHING AND JUST TAKE IT.
B-BUT...
SHUU-SUKE-KUN ...
... YOUR EYE ...!

I HAVE TO MAKE IT THROUGH THIS...
...NO MATTER WHAT I HAVE TO SACRIFICE.

AND THEN IN THE NEXT ROUND, I'LL VOTE FOR YOU...
...AND END THIS NIGHT-MARE.

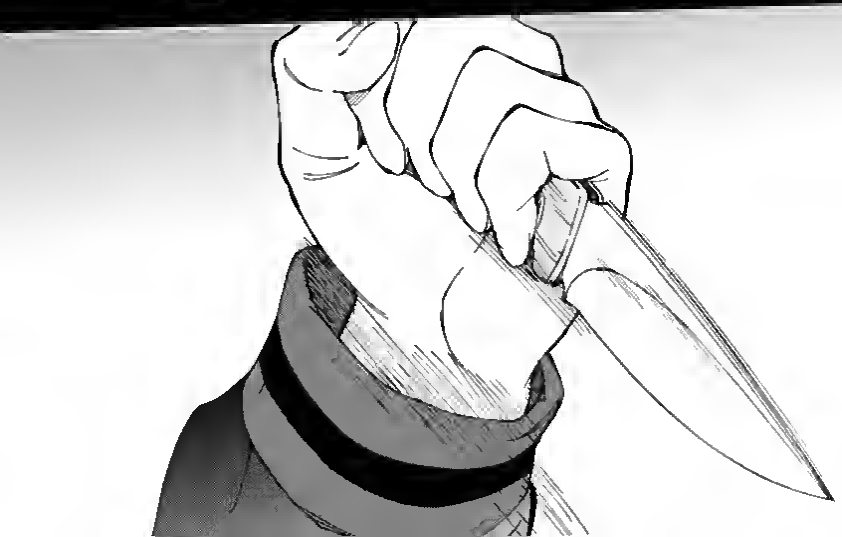
I'VE ONLY BEEN ABLE TO HOLD IT TOGETHER THIS LONG BECAUSE YOU WERE THERE FOR ME.

THIS IS MY WAY...OF PAYING YOU BACK.
...WHEN THIS IS OVER...
...CAN WE GO SEE THE CHERRY BLOS-SOMS TOGETH-ER?

YEAH...

I PROMISE.

Shuusuke Takayama: 1 vote



AAAAAHHHH!

MORI-MOTO-KUN!
GAH...! GUH!

WHA...?
THIS ISN'T WHAT YOU PROM-ISED, MARI-NA!
I DON'T RECALL EVER MAKING ANY PROMIS-ES.

Atsushi Morimoto: 1 vote

NURSE'S OFFICE
MORI-MOTO-KUN...

...
KODA-
MA...
SAN
...?

OH...
I-I...!
GARA (CLATTER)
...IT'S OKAY.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE.
I NEED YOUR VOTE FOR THAT...
I NEED TO GIVE YOU MY OTHER EYE.

IF I CAN'T VOTE, YOU'LL LIVE.
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOSE BOTH YOUR EYES.
...WHY ARE YOU LYING?
TH-THAT'S ...
...BE ENOUGH OF A REASON?
...WILL TELLING YOU I LOVE YOU...
...I'D MUCH RATHER LOSE THE LIGHT.
...IF IT MEANS NOT LOSING YOU...

JUST STOP IT... WITH ALL THAT...
...WE WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED UNTIL NOW IF WE HADN'T.
EVERY-ONE'S GONE CRAZY...!
...KODAMA-SAN?
AND YOU'RE JUST THE SAME, AREN'T YOU...

BUT, MORIMOTO-KUN...

...I...

...WANTED TO...
...STAY NORMAL...

Rino Kodama abstained.

Popularity Vote Round 10
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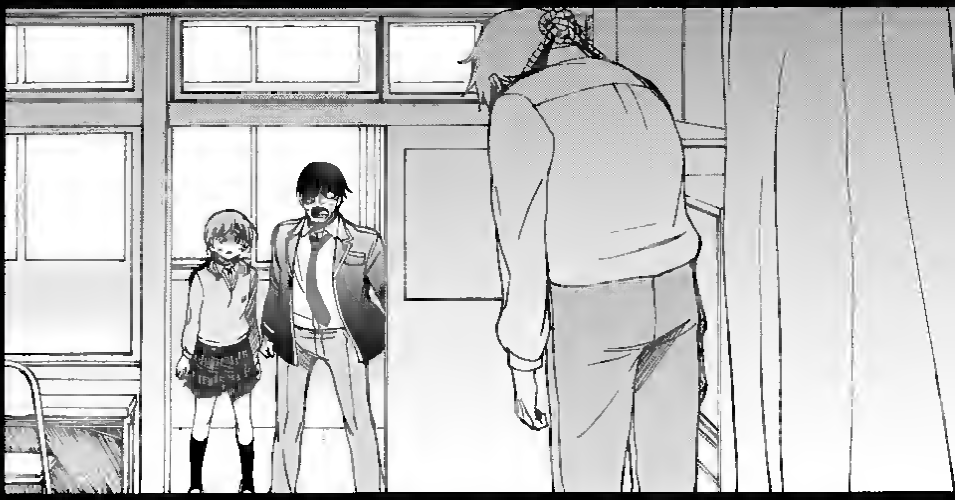

Class 2-A Currently:

1 boy 2 girls

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THESE ARE THE PHONES WE CONFISCATED FROM RING HOME THE OTHER DAY.
THEY BOTH HAVE WHAT APPEARS TO BE VOTING MESSAGES IN THEIR HISTORY.

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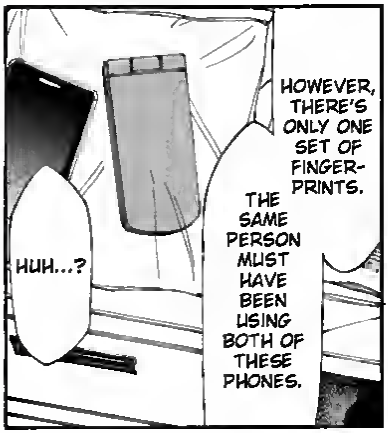
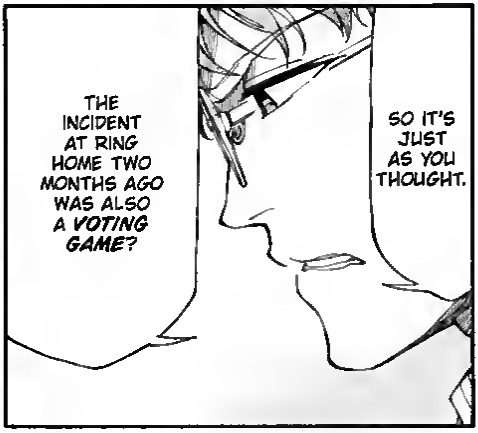




S-SENT THEM? YOU MEAN...
YES... THESE WERE THE VOTE-KEEPER'S PHONES.
THE VOTEKEEPER USED TWO DIFFERENT PHONES SO THEY COULD SEND THE VOTING MESSAGES.
SO... WHAT IF THE VOTE-KEEPER WERE TO LOSE THE SENDING PHONE?
...THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY MORE VOTES ...!?
...HMM?

WHAT'S WITH THIS PHONE?
THAT BELONGED TO THE LATE RUMIKO DATE.
THE VOTING MESSAGES APPARENTLY CONTINUE TO COME AFTER THE OWNER DIES, SO I TOOK IT TO KEEP UP ON THE VOTE.
NOT THAT!
THE MESSAGE INDICATOR IS LIT UP...!
CHIKA
CHIKA (FLASH)
I LET MY GUARD DOWN... I DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD BE TWO VOTES IN A DAY...!
!? THE NEXT VOTING MES-SAGE !?
NO WAY... WE GOT THIS FAR, AND NOW WE'RE TOO LATE...!?
...THE DEADLINE IS TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT.
THE VOTING METHOD IS "GIVE THE GIRL YOU WANT TO VOTE FOR...
SUB: Let the 11th popularity vote commence
VOTING ELIGIBILITY: The boys of class 2-A
VOTING METHOD: Give the girl you want
RALLY TIME: 24:00 tonight
Subject of the vote: The following five girls

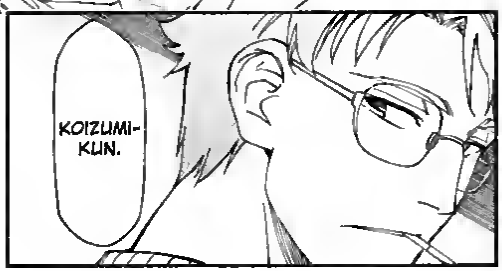
... "THE HEAD OF A CLASSMATE AFTER CUTTING IT OFF."

THANKS FOR SAVING ME THE TROUBLE OF FINDING YOU.

...
MARINA.

GOTO
(THUNK)

OKAY.
...WA-KARA ...
... PLEASE ACCEPT ...
...MY VOTE.
THIS LONG, LONG NIGHT-MARE ENDS TONIGHT.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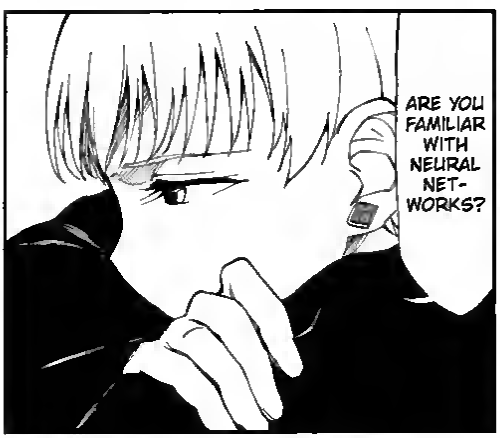
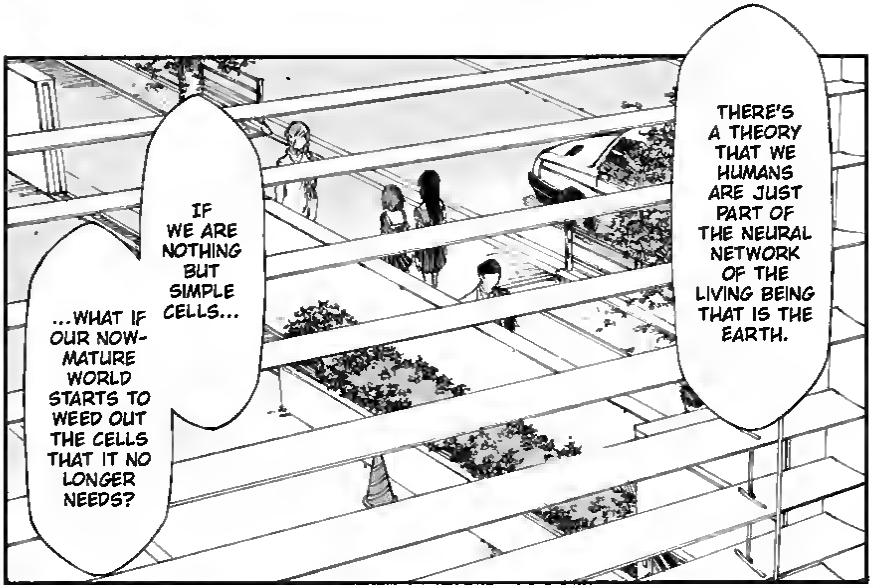
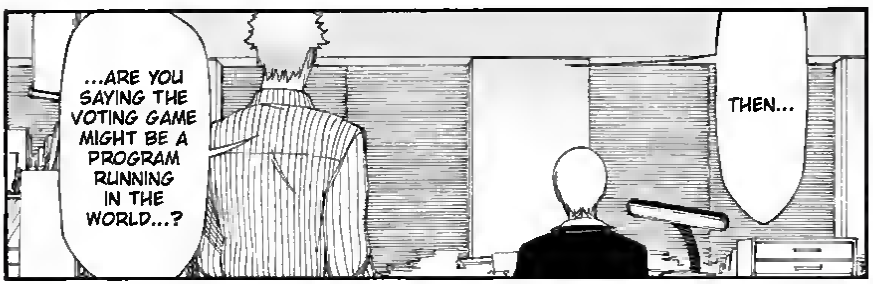
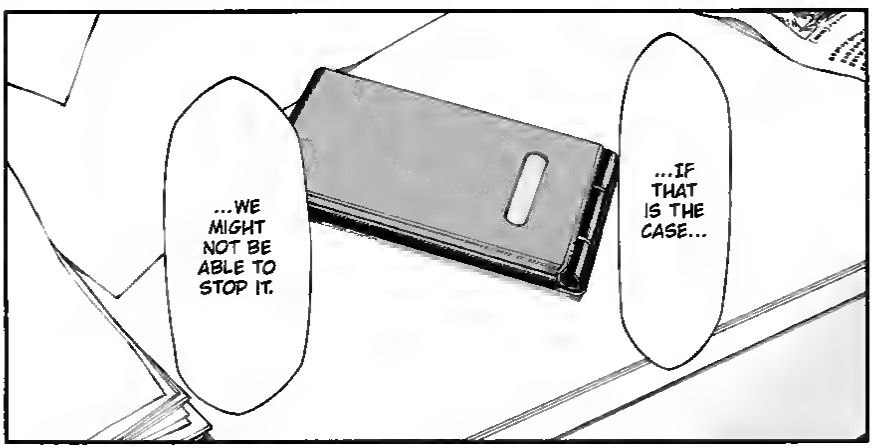

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH NEURAL NET-WORKS?

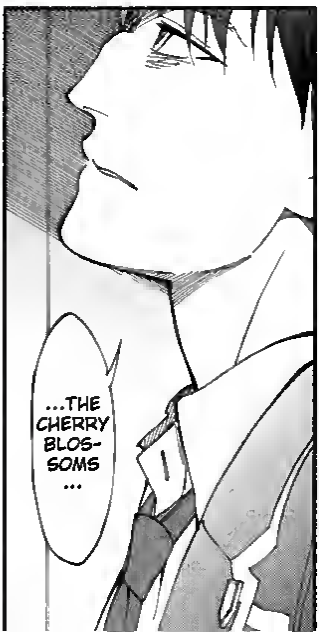
...AND EACH ONE IS CONNECTED TO SEVERAL THOUSAND OTHER NEURONS VIA SYNAPSES.
THERE ARE BILLIONS OF NEURONS IN THE HUMAN BRAIN...
NEURONS USE SYNAPSES TO STIMULATE OTHER NEURONS DOWNSTREAM ...
...AND THIS STIMULATION CONTINUES TO BE FURTHER PROPAGATED
THE NUMBER OF SYNAPSES FLUCTUATES, BUT AS NEURONS AGE, THEY INEVITABLY DIE OFF...
...STARTING WITH THE LEAST ACTIVE NEURONS... MEANING THE CELLS WITH THE FEWEST OTHER CELLS CONNECTING TO THEM.
AND THE DEAD NEURONS CAUSE THE OTHER NEURONS UPSTREAM OF THEM TO DIE OFF AS WELL.
IT'S LIKE A PROGRAM RUNNING IN THE BRAIN TO EFFICIENTLY KILL OFF THE NEURONS THAT IT DOESN'T NEED.

THEY DIE OFF, STARTING WITH THE ONES WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF STIMULATION.
AND THEY TAKE THE ONES WHO GAVE THEM STIMULATION DOWN WITH THEM...
...ISN'T THAT...
... ALMOST LIKE THE VOTING GAME?

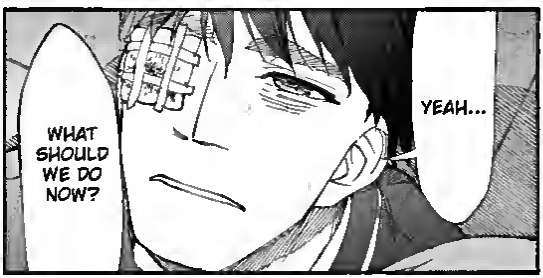

THERE'S A THEORY THAT WE HUMANS ARE JUST PART OF THE NEURAL NETWORK OF THE LIVING BEING THAT IS THE EARTH.
IF WE ARE NOTHING BUT SIMPLE CELLS...
...WHAT IF OUR NOW-MATURE WORLD STARTS TO WEED OUT THE CELLS THAT IT NO LONGER NEEDS?


THEN...
...ARE YOU SAYING THE VOTING GAME MIGHT BE A PROGRAM RUNNING IN THE WORLD...?


...IF THAT IS THE CASE...
...WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO STOP IT.


...THE CHERRY BLOS-SOMS ...

...EVERY-ONE'S GONE.


WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?
YEAH...

LET'S GO SEE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS.
THEY'RE ALREADY LONG GONE.
OH YEAH ...
THEY WERE STILL BLOOMING AROUND THIS TIME IN THE TOWN WHERE I GREW UP.
I KNOW! HOW ABOUT WE BOTH MOVE SOMEWHERE UP NORTH?
SOME TOWN FAR AWAY WHERE NO ONE KNOWS US.
... THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
YES, IT IS.
NOTHING'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US.

...YEAH, YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT.
"ONE CAN'T WIN AGAINST TWO."
WITH THE TWO OF US TOGETHER, NO ONE CAN BEAT US.
OF COURSE I AM!
SHUU-SUKE-KUN ...?
EVEN IF IT'S THE VOTE-KEEPER!

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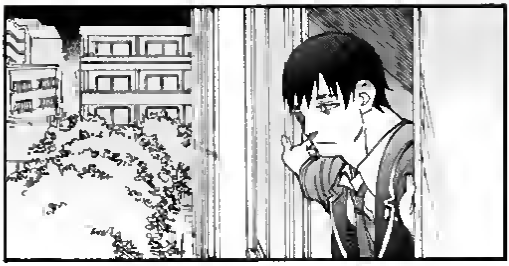
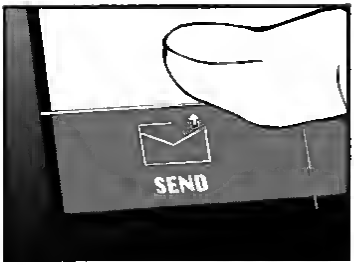
COMPOSING MESSAGE
TO
The Votekeeper
SUB
Re: Let the 11th popularity vote commence
TEXT
size
We're free!!

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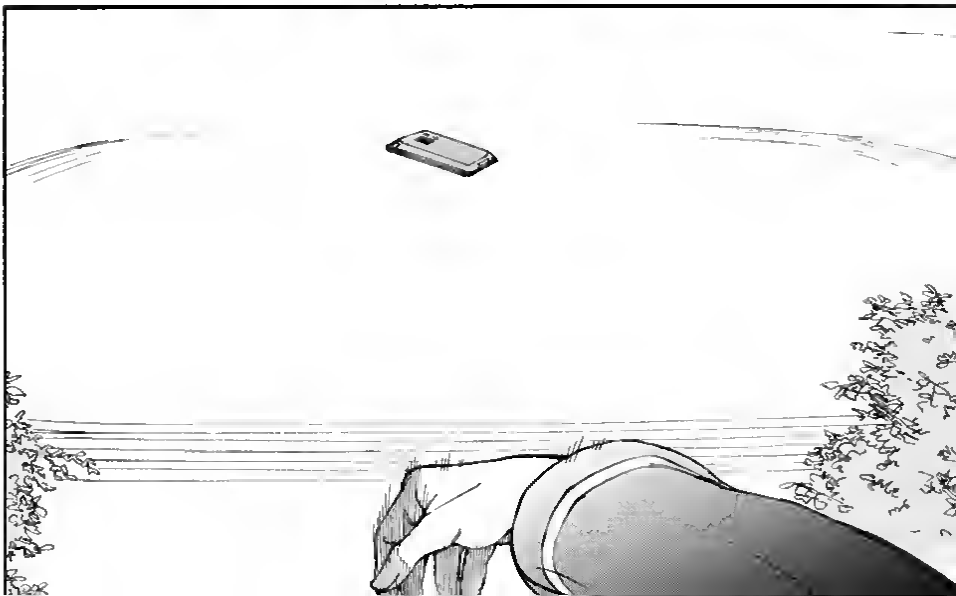

...YEAH!
LET'S GO, WAKABA!

PIRIRIRIRIRIRIRIRI
(BARRINGLE)

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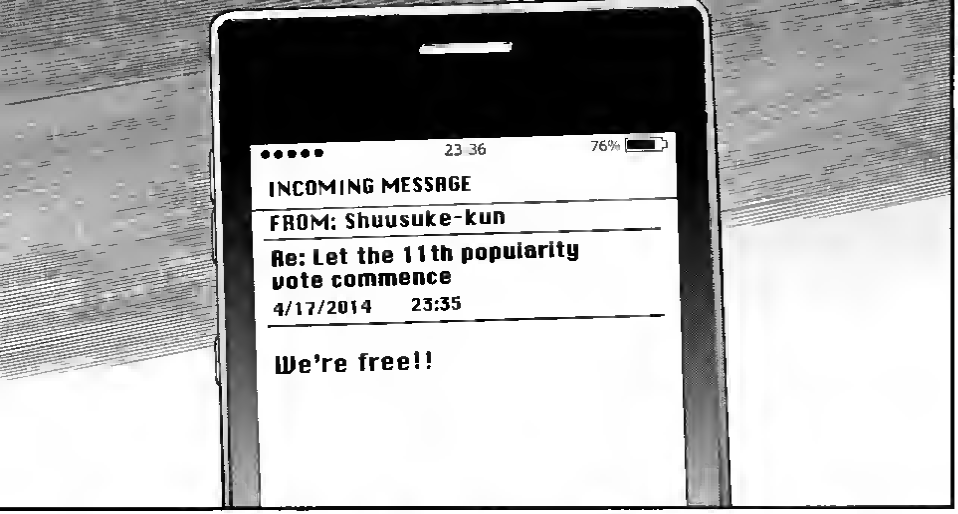
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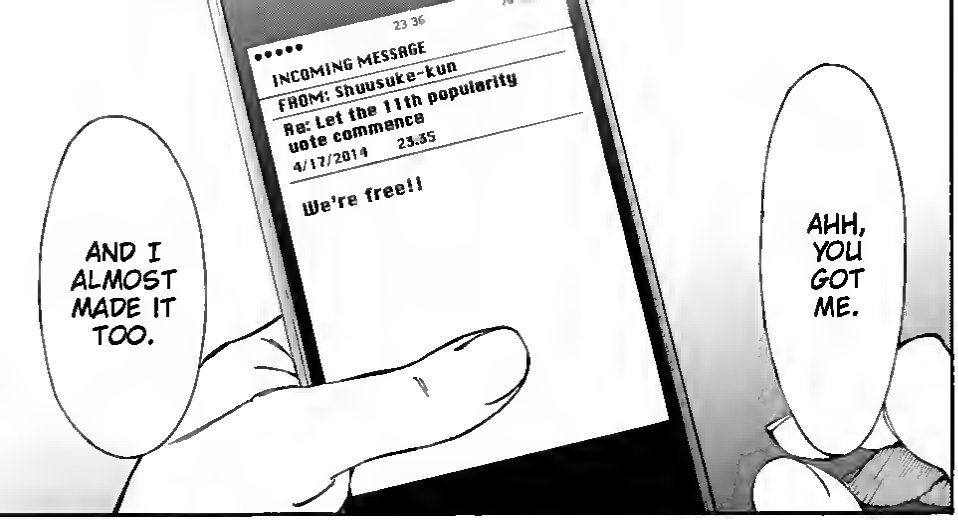
INCOMING MESSAGE
FROM: Shuusuke-kun
Re: Let the 11th popularity vote commence
4/17/2014 23:35
We're free!!

DON'T TELL ME...

...WAKA ...BA ...?
AHH, YOU GOT ME.
AND I ALMOST MADE IT TOO.

THAT'S WEIRD...I THOUGHT I PUT IT ON SILENT.
HEY, TELL ME, SHUU-SUKE-KUN...

...HOW DO YOU PUT THIS ON SILENT?
I JUST GOT THIS NEW PHONE, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT.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INCOMING MESSAGE
FROM: Shuusuke-kun
Re: Let the 11th popularity vote commence
4/17/2014 23:55
We're free!!
AND I ALMOST MADE IT TOO.
AHH, YOU GOT ME.

...WAKA-BA...
DON'T TELL ME, YOU ARE ...
.....

...THE VOTE-KEEPER ....!?
#17

THE VOTE-KEEPER JUST OVER-SEES THE VOTE.
HUH? NO WAY, YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG.
YOU... KILLED EVERY-ONE IN THE CLASS ...!?
IT WAS EVERY-ONE IN THE CLASS ...
...WHO CHOSE WHO'D DIE.
THE VOTE-KEEPER DECIDES THE RULES OF THE VOTE...
...LIKE WHO GETS ENTERED WHEN AND WHAT THE VOTING METHOD WILL BE.
THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO MAKE IT FAIR AND GO WITH THE VOTING SITE...
YOU COMPLETELY RUINED ALL MY PLANS BY TAKING IT DOWN, YOU KNOW.

... YOUR... PLANS ...?
THAT'S PRETTY OBVI-OUS, ISN'T IT?
WHEN ABOUT HALF OF THE CLASS HAD DIED, I WAS GOING TO SAVE EVERYONE BY PRETENDING TO HAVE FIGURED OUT THE RULES OF THE VOTING GAME.
THEN THEY'D ALL HAVE TO DEPEND ON ME.
I'D SUDDENLY BE SUPER-POPULAR.
AND THE ONES WHO SURVIVED IN THE END WOULD BE...
...JUST ME AND THE PERSON I CHOSE.

...AND IN THE END, YOU PICKED ME...
YOU SURVIVED FOR ME...
NO, IT'S EVEN BETTER.
NOTHING WENT AS I PLANNED, YET IT ALL TURNED OUT THE SAME IN THE END.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER ANY-MORE.
I LOVE YOU.
...THANK YOU.

!
STOP IT...!
YOU KISSED ME.
YOU HAD SEX WITH ME.
HUH? WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
?
...YOU EVEN...
... KILLED YOUR OWN SISTER FOR ME.

YOU TWO ARE TWINS, AREN'T YOU?
I HEARD FROM YOUR BIRTH MOM... MARINA YAMAMURA-SAN.
BUT, TONE-GAWA-SENPAI ...
HOW DID WAKABA OOTSUKI COME IN CONTACT WITH MARINA YAMA-MURA?
ACCORDING TO THE DOCU-MENTS WE RECOVERED FROM RING HOME...
...IT SEEMS WAKABA OOTSUKI HAD BEEN WORKING A PART-TIME JOB THERE SINCE THE END OF LAST YEAR.
AND SHE MOST LIKELY HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO FROM MARINA YAMAMURA THEN.

PERHAPS THE RING HOME INCIDENT WAS BOTH A PRACTICE RUN AND A WAY TO STOP MARINA YAMAMURA FROM TALKING.
...AND HOW TO START HER OWN VOTING GAME TOO.
THEN SHE CONVINCED KAZUTO SATOU TO ENTRUST THE VOTING SITE TO RING HOME...
...AND TOOK OVER THE SITE FROM THE INSIDE.
IF YOU KNOW THAT MUCH, THEN WHY DID YOU LET HER RUN FREE?
BECAUSE ...

OKAY, LET'S GO!
LET'S GO START THE NEXT VOTING GAME!
IT'S ALL RIGHT. IT'S REALLY SIMPLE AS LONG AS YOU KNOW THE RULES.
YOU WON'T DIE UNLESS YOU'RE A TOTAL IDIOT.
AND WITH THE TWO OF US TOGETHER, NO ONE CAN BEAT US... RIGHT?
...ARE YOU...
...OUT OF YOUR MIND ...?

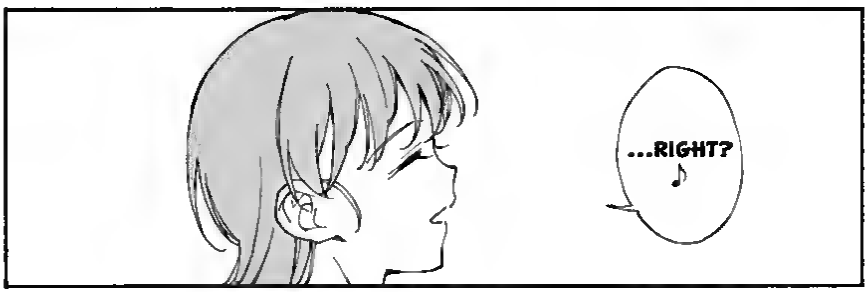
HUH? YOU FELT IT TOO, DIDN'T YOU?

...IT FELT AMAZING, DIDN'T IT?

WHEN YOU CHOSE WHETHER TO KILL TONEGAWA-KUN OR YAMAMURA-SAN...

...AND WHEN YOU CHOSE WHETHER TO KILL ME OR YAMAMURA-SAN...

IT ALMOST MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE A GOD, DOESN'T IT?
MANIP-ULATING PEOPLE BOUND BY RULES, MAKING THEM DANCE TO YOUR TUNE.
LIAR.
... NEVER FELT LIKE THAT, NOT EVEN ONCE...
I-I...


...RIGHT? ♪

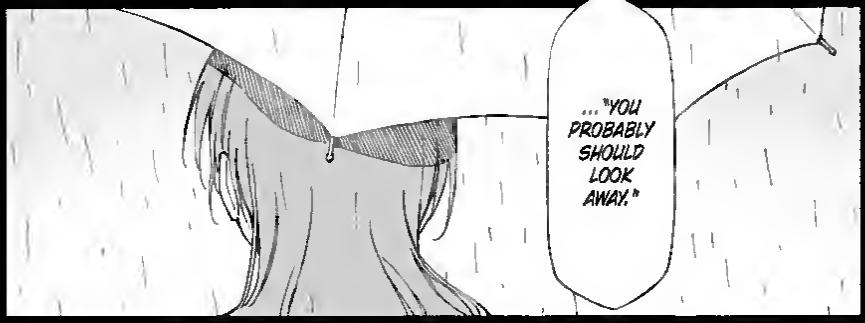
...I GET IT. YEAH, YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT.
...AT SOME POINT... I MUST HAVE GONE INSANE AS WELL.
I MEAN, EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS...

...I CAN'T EVEN SHED A SINGLE TEAR.

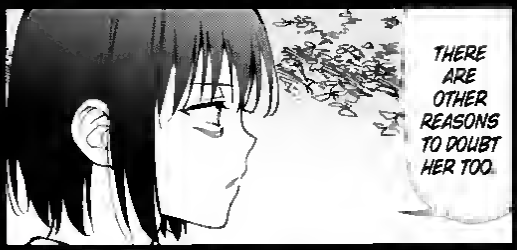
BUT YAMA-MURA-SAN'S DEAD ...!
!? H-HOW ...!?
...THIS IS JUST A MAN-NEQUIN'S HEAD.

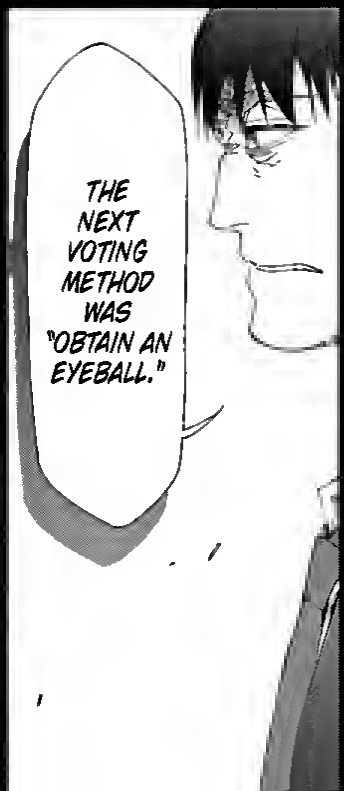
THANKS FOR SAVING ME THE TROUBLE OF FINDING YOU... MARINA.
YOU ACTUALLY RESPONDED TO MY REQUEST TO MEET ME...
...THE POSSIBILITY THAT WAKABA OOTSUKI COULD BE THE VOTE-KEEPER?
SO, WHAT I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WAS...
...IT'S JUST...
...A POSSI-BILITY ...
!?

...SHE SAID...
...WHEN DATE-SAN DIED...


..."YOU PROBABLY SHOULD LOOK AWAY."

...CAME RIGHT AFTER SHE SAW MORI-MOTO'S HANGING BODY.
AND TODAY'S MESSAGE SAYING "GIVE A SEVERED HEAD"...


THERE ARE OTHER REASONS TO DOUBT HER TOO.


THE NEXT VOTING METHOD WAS "OBTAIN AN EYEBALL."

DO YOU REMEMBER THE ONE DAY THE VOTING MESSAGE DIDN'T COME?
SHE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL THAT DAY...
IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO ASSUME THAT HAPPENED BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T HAVE THE PHONE FOR SENDING THE MESSAGES ON HER AT THE TIME.
BESIDES...
...WAS TONEGAWA-KUN
...SHE WAS ALSO THE ONE TO GET RID OF SHINJI TONEGAWA, THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO THE VOTE-KEEPER'S WORK.
B-BUT...
... COULDN'T IT ALL BE ONE HUGE COINCI-DENCE?
AFTER ALL, WAKABA...

I VOTED FOR YOU, ENOMOTO-KUN.
SHE COULDN'T HAVE LET HERSELF DO THAT IF SHE ALREADY KNEW THE RULES...!
...VOTED FOR ENOMOTO WITHOUT EVEN A SINGLE WORRY THAT HE MIGHT END UP IN THE BOTTOM!
TH-THEN WHAT ABOUT WHEN SHE HERSELF AGREED TO BE THE SACRIFICE?
SHE PROBABLY REALIZED THAT SHE HAD NANA NISHINO'S PHONE FROM THE START.
DO YOU STILL THINK THAT AFTER SEEING THIS?
MOMO
HARUCA MIURA
IF INUI HADN'T WRITTEN THAT NAME WRONG, SHE WOULD HAVE DIED!

ENTRY #1
Wakaba Ootsuki
ENTRY #2
Yuii Shimakawa
ENTRY #3
Haruca Miura
ENTRY #4
Hemari Nomura
ENTRY #5
Ikoomi Nagase

IN THE MESSAGE KOUTAROU INUI RECEIVED, ALL OF THE NAMES WERE JUST SLIGHTLY WRONG.

ENTRY #1
Wakaba Ootsuki
ENTRY #2
Yui Shimakawa
ENTRY #3
Haruka Miura
ENTRY #4
Himari Nomura
ENTRY #5
Ikumi Nagase

SO IN ADDITION TO TRICKING KOUTAROU INUI INTO WRITING A NAME WRONG THROUGH A FAKE MESSAGE, SHE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT SHE SHOULD BE THE SACRIFICE.
SHE PROBABLY KNEW SHE WOULD BE SUSPECTED AFTER SHE SURVIVED BY SACRIFICING NANA NISHINO IN HER PLACE.
THEN... THAT MEANS ...
...ALL IN ORDER TO GAIN YOUR TRUST OF COURSE.
山村麻里那之墓
...THEN, IT REALLY IS WAKABA ...?
BUT ...!

GOTO (THUNK)
IF YOU STILL WANT TO TRUST HER, THEN WHY DON'T YOU SEE FOR YOURSELF?
IF YOU MAKE HER THINK THAT THE VOTING GAME IS OVER, I'M SURE SHE'LL LET HER GUARD DOWN AND MESS UP.
GU (GRIP)
"
...

GOTO

AAAA

...YOU BE-TRAYED ...
... ME ...?
YOU CHOSE HER !!?

ZAN
(THWACK)
...NO WAY... THIS CAN'T BE...
TELL ME IT'S ALL A LIE...
...SHUU-SUKE-KUN...
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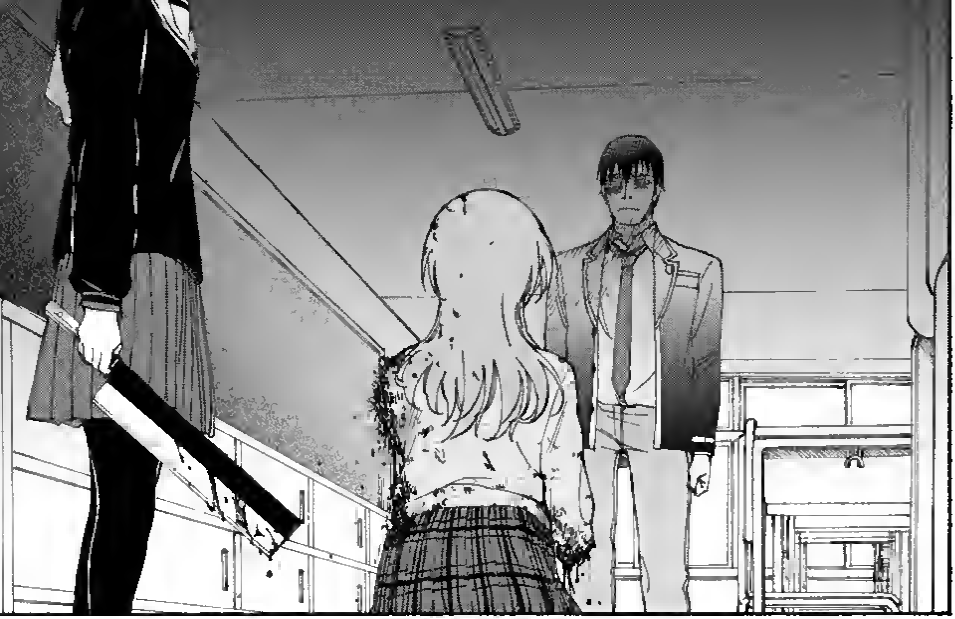
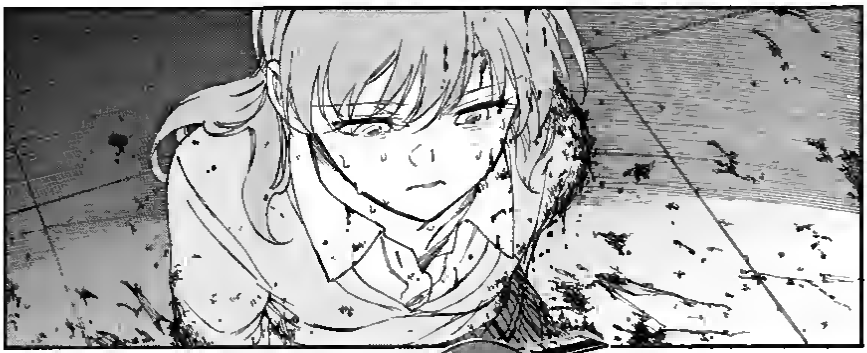




...WAIT, MARINA.

THE VOTING METHOD IS "GIVE THE HEAD OF A CLASSMATE AFTER CUTTING IT OFF."
SHUU-SUKE-KUN...!
IT WON'T COUNT... UNLESS I CUT IT OFF MYSELF.

TA (CRASH)
.....
!?
CRASH (CRASH)

...
SHUUSUKE-
KUN...
...WE'LL
ALWAYS
BE TO-
GETHER.

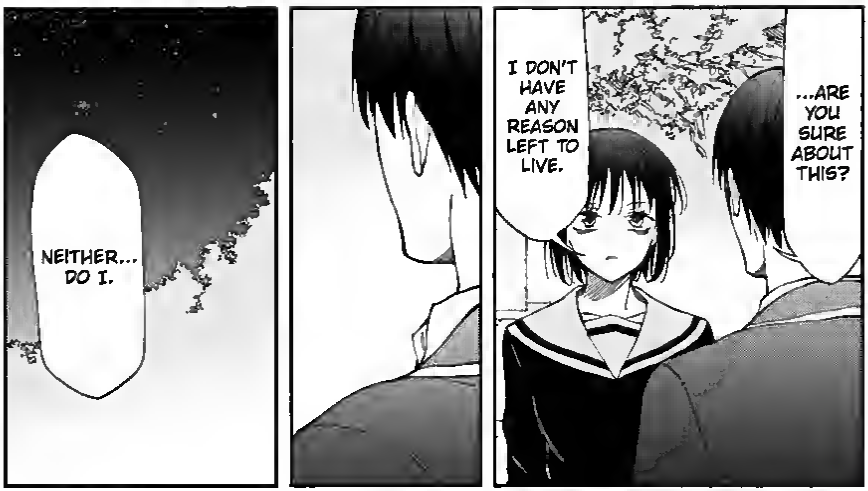
ZOH
(WOOSH)

HA HA HA

IT'S ALL RIGHT... THERE'S STILL A WAY.
BUT THEN YOU WILL ...!
...IT'S MY FAULT THAT THINGS GOT TO THIS POINT.
YOU CAN CUT OFF MY HEAD AND GIVE IT TO ME.
THEN THE VOTE WILL BE VALID. YOU WON'T DIE.
BUT FIRST...
...WE HAVE TO REPORT TO MARINA YAMAMURA.
山村麻里那之墓
MARINA YAMAMURA

THE PERSON WHO KILLED YOU...
...IS NO LONGER OF THIS WORLD.
MOM... YOU CAN REST EASY NOW.

OKAY. LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.
...SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.


NEITHER... DO I.
I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON LEFT TO LIVE.
...ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

DIDN'T YOU WANT TO GO SEE THE CHERRY BLOS-SOMS?
... THERE'S... NO POINT IN MY LIVING ANY LONGER NOW...
I KEPT LETTING EVERY-ONE ELSE DIE FOR THAT...!
UNTIL NOW, I WAS JUST TRYING TO PROTECT WAKABA ....

THE ONE TO DIE...
...SHOULD BE ME, THE ONE WHO ONLY HAD ONE GOAL.
...."ONE CAN'T WIN AGAINST TWO."
THAT'S WHAT MOM ALWAYS USED TO SAY.

YOU SHOULD LIVE.
OKAY... BIG BROTH-ER?

...
THANK YOU, MARINA.
...THIS IS FOR THE BEST.
AFTER ALL... "ONE CAN'T WIN AGAINST TWO."

ONE CAN'T WIN AGAINST TWO.
HUH?
...THAT'S WHAT MOM ALWAYS USED TO SAY?
BUT SHUUSUKE NEVER MET MOM...
THEN, WHO DID HE HEAR IT FROM...?
— ONE CAN'T WIN AGAINST TWO.

THAT IS THE ONE ABSOLUTE RULE THAT CONTROLS US ALL.
SO...
...KILL ME.
WHEN IS THAT MEMORY FROM...?
ONE CAN'T WIN AGAINST TWO...
WHAT DOES THAT REALLY MEAN ...?
COULD IT BE...

...THAT HE AND I WERE BOTH...
...WITH HER THEN ...?
WITH MOM...?

... SORRY ...

...I JUST ...

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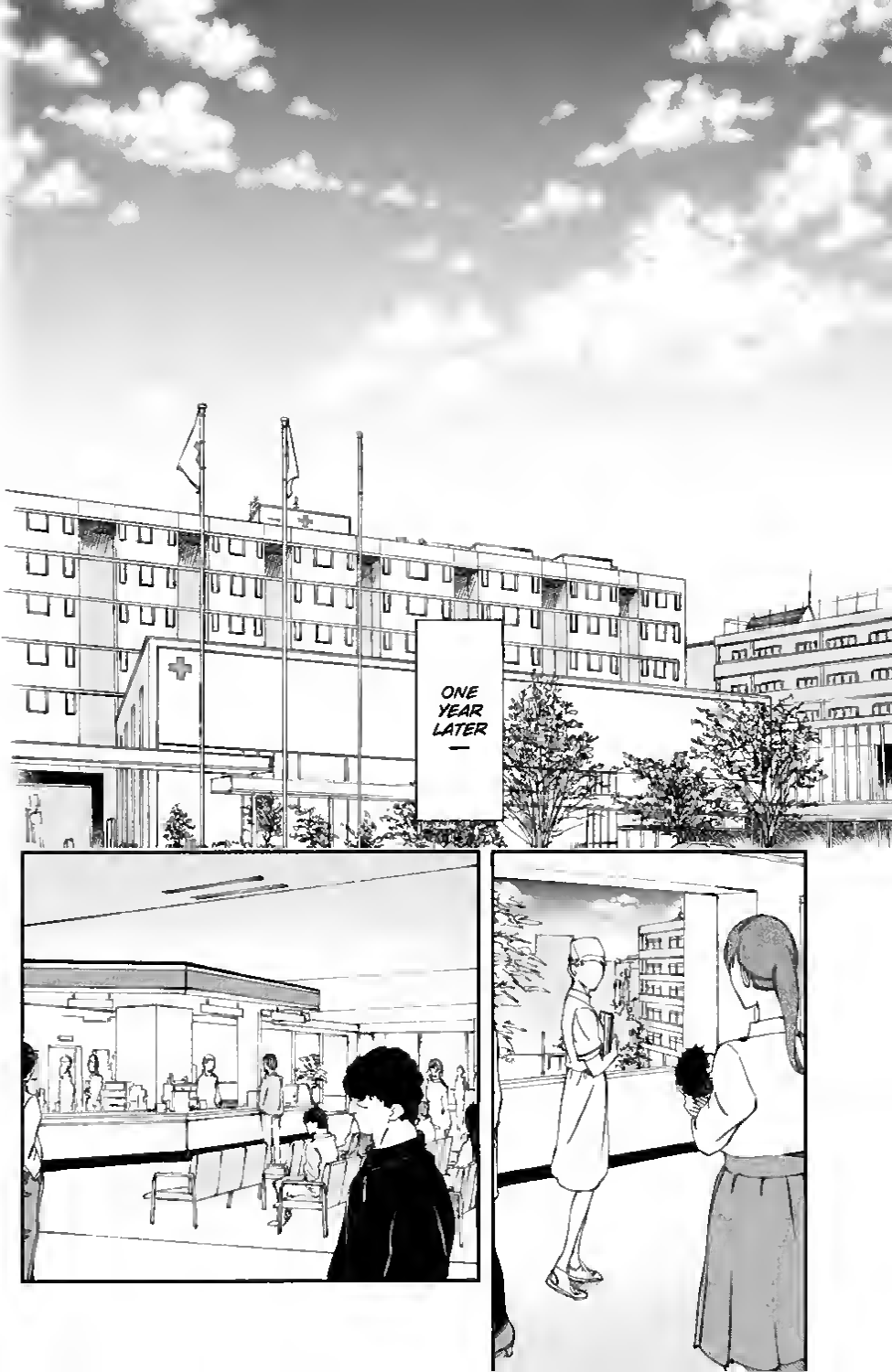
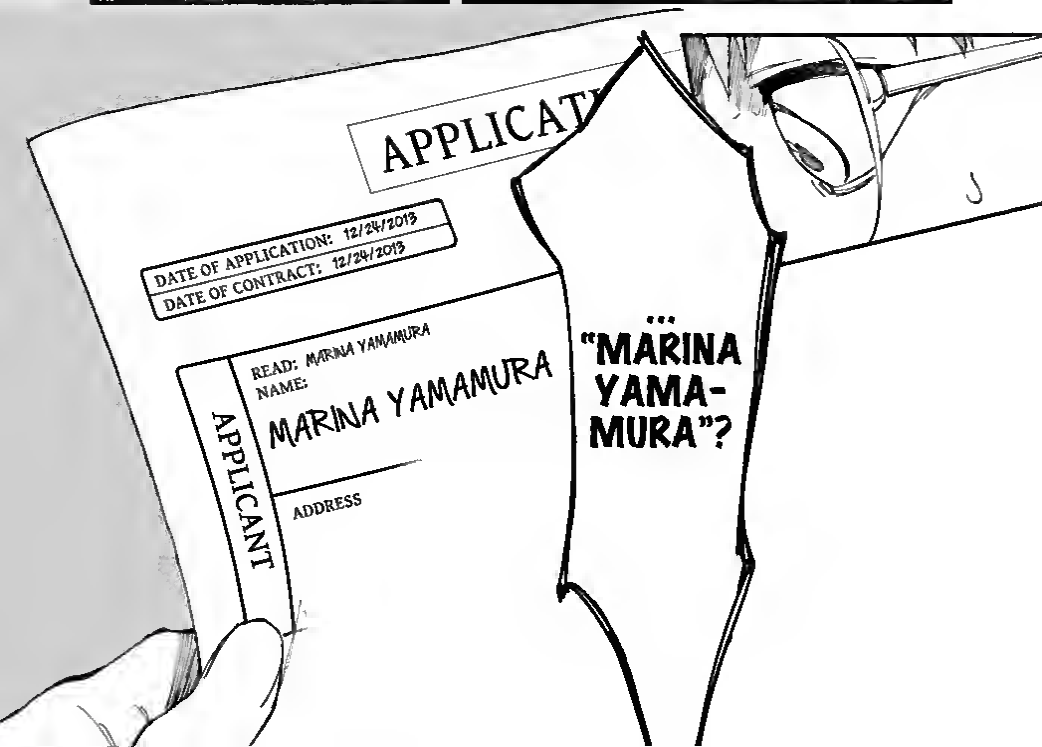

ONE YEAR LATER

IT SEEMS SHE'S BEEN HERE AT THIS HOSPITAL LATELY.
WAIT A MINUTE, TONEGAWA-SENPAI!
DIDN'T SHE UP AND DISAPPEAR AFTER THE INCIDENT ...?
CASE CLOSED, RIGHT?
THE ONE WHO KNEW HOW TO START THE GAME, THE VOTE-KEEPER, IS DEAD.
BUT WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO HUNTING HER DOWN AT THIS POINT?
...HUH ...?
THAT'S SOMETHING THAT MARINA YAMAMURA SAID.
OH, BUT THIS WAS THE ELDER ONE.
..."EVEN IF THE VOTE-KEEPER DIES, THE GAME WON'T END."

SO WHAT DID SHE MEAN BY SAYING IT WOULDN'T END, I WONDER?
IF THE VOTEKEEPER DOESN'T SEND OUT THE VOTING MESSAGES, THE GAME SHOULD STOP.

IT'S OBVI-OUSLY WAKABA OOTSUKI ...
THIS IS WHAT I FOUND.
THE VOTE-KEEPER'S PHONE FROM THE RING HOME INCIDENT.
THAT ONE PHONE?
AND ACTUALLY, I LOOKED INTO THE OWNER OF THE ACCOUNT ON THAT ONE PHONE.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READ: MARINA YAMAMURA
NAME:
MARINA YAMAMURA
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...
"MARINA YAMA-MURA"?

YOU'RE SAYING THE VOTE-KEEPER IN THE RING HOME INCIDENT WAS MARINA YAMAMURA ...?
THE VOTEKEEPER EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO WAS SHUUSUKE TAKAYAMA, AND THE SURVIVOR WAS MARINA YAMAMURA.
THE VOTEKEEPER IN THE RING HOME INCIDENT WAS MARINA YAMAMURA, AND THE SURVIVOR WAS WAKABA OOTSUKI.
AND THE VOTE-KEEPER THIS TIME... WAS WAKABA OOTSUKI.
YOU MEAN ...

...THE SURVIVOR BECOMES THE NEW VOTE-KEEPER ...!?
WE SHOULD PROBABLY ASSUME THAT IN THE EVENT SOMEONE KILLS THE VOTEKEEPER AND THE GAME STOPS, ALL THE SURVIVORS BECOME VOTEKEEPERS.
AND THEN...
...THE VOTING GAME MULTI-PLIES.

W-WAIT A MINUTE.
BUT SHE'S ...
THAT'S RIGHT.
THE ONLY SURVIVOR OF THIS LATEST INCIDENT ...
THAT'S WHY SHE CONTINUED WITH THE GAME UNTIL THE END, EVEN THOUGH SHE KNEW THE IDENTITY OF THE VOTEKEEPER.
...AND I COULDN'T MAKE MY MOVE UNTIL I WAS SURE OF HER TRUE INTENTIONS.
...AND THE NEW VOTEKEEPER...

LET'S HURRY UP AND START...
...THE VOTING GAME.

...OKAY.

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TRANSLATION NOTES

COMMON HONORIFICS

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-senpai: A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

Tohyo Game: The title directly translates as "voting game."

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Unlike the American school year, which begins at the end of summer, the school year in Japan starts in April and runs until March. For Kazuto to have taken those pictures, he would have had to have been planning the popularity contest from the start of the school year before.

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In the Japanese edition, the names in the left and right columns feature characters that sound the same, though only the names in the right column are the correct spellings of Inui's classmates' names—the characters in the left column are homophones. For a corresponding translation, this volume also uses spellings that read the same when said aloud.

END-OF-VOLUME EXTRA STORY BY CHIHIRO

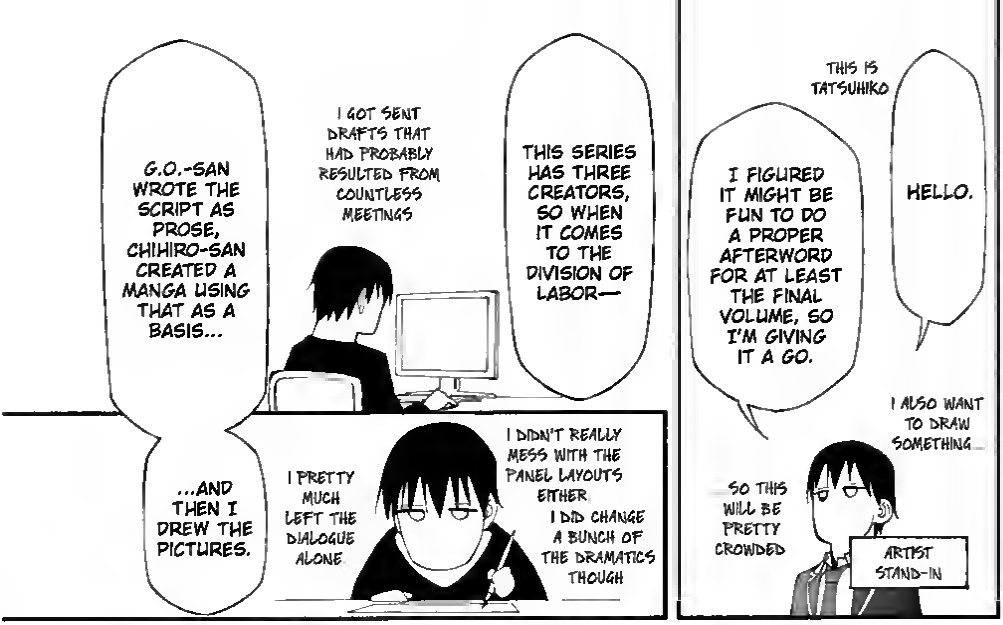
YOU EVER GROPED A GIRL'S BOOBS?
YOU'RE STARTING OFF WITH THAT RIGHT AWAY, TAKAYAMA-KUN...? THIS IS THE LAST VOLUME, YOU KNOW ...
THE GREAT AND POWERFUL MAIN CHARACTER IS TALKING ABOUT BOOBS! READ BETWEEN THE LINES, YOU STUPID SIDE CHARACTER!
SO? DID YOU GROPE RINO'S BOOBS? OR MAYBE SUCK ON THEM?
I DIDN'T DO EITHER ONE OF THOSE THINGS! LIKE I EVEN HAD THE TIME!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I ONLY LOST MY V-CARD RECENTLY MYSELF, YOU KNOW!
I JUST RECENTLY LOST IT!
HE'S SUCH A NASTY GUY...

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO GROPE SOME BOOBS!
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! THE GIRLS WANT TO AT LEAST LET THEIR VIRGIN CLASSMATE GROPE THEIR BOOBS...
HUH? IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE A GOOD THING?
I ALREADY HAVE DATE-SAN TRAINED, SO IF WE JUST ASK HER, SHE'LL TOTALLY BE LIKE, "HERE, HAVE A BOOB!"
YOU'RE DESPICABLE, TAKAYAMA-KUN.
W-WELL, I'M KIND OF SCARED OF DATE-SAN...
BESIDES, I LIKE KODAMA-SAN...
OHH, IT'S THE SIZE OF THE BOOBS, ISN'T IT!? SO YOU'RE A TINY BOOB GUY, ARE YOU?
I REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE SIZE!!!

DON'T OFFER UP YOUR SISTER'S BOOBS TO ANOTHER GUY!!
THEN HOW ABOUT MARINA'S BOOBS? THEY SHOULD BE ABOUT THE SAME AS RINO'S.

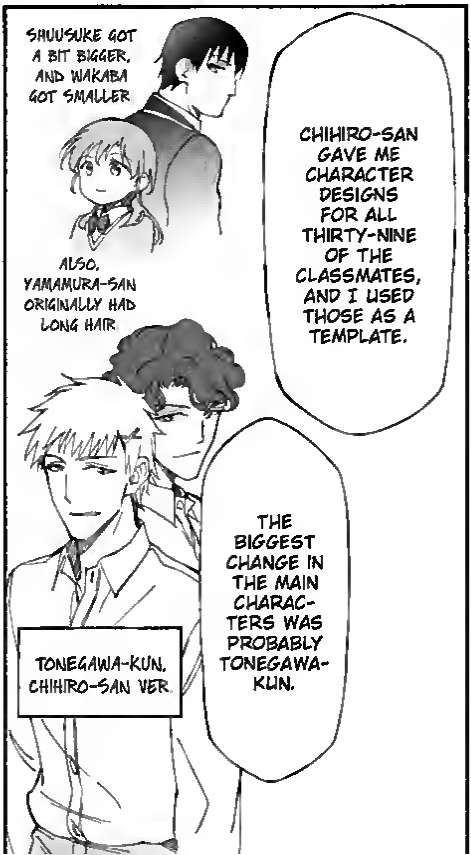
WH-WHAT IS IT, TAKAYAMA-KUN!?
AHHHH, SHIIIT!

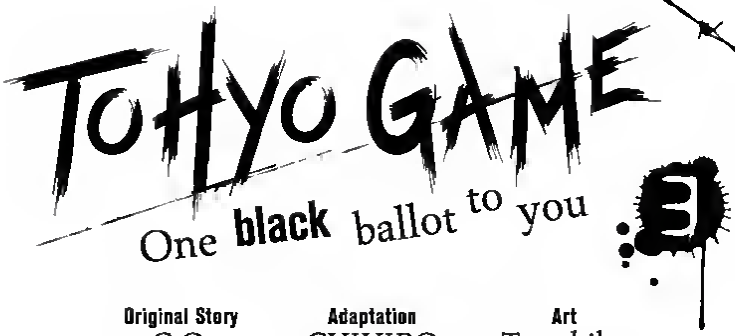
YOU'RE DESPICABLE, TAKAYAMA KUN...
WE RAN OUT OF PAGES. I'M NOT GONNA GET TO GROPE ANY BOOBS...!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING!!


THIS IS TATSUHIKO
HELLO.
I FIGURED IT MIGHT BE FUN TO DO A PROPER AFTERWORD FOR AT LEAST THE FINAL VOLUME, SO I'M GIVING IT A GO.
I ALSO WANT TO DRAW SOMETHING...
SO THIS WILL BE PRETTY CROWDED
ARTIST STAND-IN
THIS SERIES HAS THREE CREATORS, SO WHEN IT COMES TO THE DIVISION OF LABOR—
I GOT SENT DRAFTS THAT HAD PROBABLY RESULTED FROM COUNTLESS MEETINGS
G.O.-SAN WROTE THE SCRIPT AS PROSE, CHIHIRO-SAN CREATED A MANGA USING THAT AS A BASIS...
...AND THEN I DREW THE PICTURES.
I PRETTY MUCH LEFT THE DIALOGUE ALONE
I DIDN'T REALLY MESS WITH THE PANEL LAYOUTS EITHER
I DID CHANGE A BUNCH OF THE DRAMATICS THOUGH

CHIHIRO-SAN SEEMS TO HAVE A THING FOR DATE-SAN, AS YOU CAN SEE FROM HIS END-OF-STORY EXTRA.
IN A WAY, SHE'S THE INCARNATION OF MALE DESIRES.
G.O.-SAN AND I BOTH HAVE SOME STRANGE OBSESSIONS, SO NAKAJIMA-SAN WAS THE ONE WHO GOT TWEAKED THE MOST.

THEY'RE DEFINITELY CHIHIRO-SAN'S DESIGN
SPEAKING OF CHARACTERS THAT ARE EASY TO DRAW, BOTH OF THE POLICE OFFICERS WERE REALLY EASY.
I WASN'T REALLY TRYING FOR THIS, BUT HIS FACE IS PRETTY SQUARE
SHUUSUKE'S PRETTY EASY TO DRAW, WHICH REALLY HELPED ME.
AND THAT'S ABOUT IT!
SEE YOU!


SHUUSUKE GOT A BIT BIGGER, AND WAKABA GOT SMALLER
ALSO, YAMAMURA-SAN ORIGINALLY HAD LONG HAIR
CHIHIRO-SAN GAVE ME CHARACTER DESIGNS FOR ALL THIRTY-NINE OF THE CLASSMATES, AND I USED THOSE AS A TEMPLATE.
THE BIGGEST CHANGE IN THE MAIN CHARACTERS WAS PROBABLY TONEGAWA-KUN.
TONEGAWA-KUN, CHIHIRO-SAN VER.



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